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**SIR HENRY GOLLAN &  
TRIAL REPORT.**

**RESPONSIBLE DUTIES OF  
JOURNALISTS.**

**NO POLICE CRITICISM.**

While omitting to name the newspaper responsible, Sir Henry Gollan, the Chief Justice, ventured a strong criticism of a report appearing in one of this morning's newspapers, summarising the trial of a gang robber, when the Court resumed to-day for the passing of sentence.

His Lordship suggested that the paper concerned [the *Daily Press*] attributed the Chief Justice's decision to reserve sentence to some measure of surprise at the jury's verdict, a suggestion which was repudiated by Sir Henry Gollan.

On resumption of the sitting this morning, Sir Henry Gollan said:

**Reporters' Duties.**

"I desire to call attention to a report of this case which was concluded yesterday, which appears in one of the morning papers. I am sure Court reporters will thoroughly appreciate the responsible duties that they have to perform because it is from their reports that the great majority of people get their idea of the administration of justice in the Colony."

"This report starts with those big caption lines which have become such a feature of the Press to-day. There is a statement to the effect: 'Chief Justice Surprised' with a note of interrogation."

"I would like it to be known that I was not surprised by the verdict of the jury. They paid most careful attention to the facts and I think that their verdict was fully justified."

"The report goes on to say: 'The small boy who made the identification first said he recognised the accused and later went back on his evidence.' That is absolutely incorrect. The small boy told the same story before the Police Magistrate as he did in this Court."

**Sir Henry and Children.**

His Lordship continued that the reporter had made some remarks about the evidence of small children and had quoted his Lordship's words which were supposed to have been given in the following effect: 'What they see is always very clear, but at times they can easily be the victims of illusion.'

"What I said was that children often have a limited vision but what they see they see very clearly. I said nothing about illusions at all, but I did go on to add that although a child, left to itself, gives very clear and honest evidence, it is open to be got at and to be coached."

"It is also stated that I said that in a previous case the Police were not at their best in carrying out identification parades. I have had occasion to criticise Police methods and I shall always do so if necessary. But I think reporters ought to be very careful in reporting statements made with respect to the Police."

"I never said the Police are not at their best in carrying out these parades. My criticisms were limited solely to the case I had to deal with at the time."

**Long and Trying Day.**

"The concluding paragraph said: 'His Lordship who seemed to show some surprise intimated that he wished to reserve his decision and to consider the case.' I take it the obvious inference to be drawn was that it was because of my surprise that I desired to consider the sentence and reserved judgment."

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**BRITAIN'S AERIAL  
DEFENCES.**

**NEW FLYING-BOAT BASE IN  
PERSIAN GULF.**

**EMPIRE TRADE ROUTES**

London, Aug. 22.  
Britain's air plans for the future, encouraged by the remarkable success of the R.A.F. flying-boat cruise in the Far East and Australia, embrace a scheme for the establishment early next year of a permanent flying-boat base in the Persian Gulf.

This will be in addition to the base already contemplated as far as Singapore is concerned. The Persian Gulf base is to be equipped with a flight of six Super-Marine Southampton flying-boats of a type similar to those now in Australia. The flight will be assembled at the Cattewater Seaplane Station, Plymouth Sound, and after a period of training, will leave for the Persian Gulf early in 1929.

The base will probably be established at Basra, though at first it was intended for Karachi. When the flight leaves Cattewater it will be replaced by a second flight which will be permanently stationed in Home waters.

It is, of course, well understood that the flight of four at present cruising in Australia will form the nucleus of a R.A.F. Base to be established at Singapore.

The extension of the Imperial air defences now made by the Air Ministry means that next year the flying-boat defences of the Empire will be disposed as follows: Two flights in Home waters at Calshot and Plymouth and two flights on trade routes at Basra and Singapore.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

**DR. STRESEMANN FIT  
AGAIN.**

**TO SIGN THE KELLOGG PACT  
IN PARIS.**

Berlin, Aug. 22.  
For the first time since his health broke down in May, Herr Stresemann, the Foreign Minister, attended a Cabinet meeting to-day. He outlined his foreign political programme which was unanimously endorsed by his colleagues.

Dr. Stresemann is leaving for Paris to sign the Kellogg Pact without any special instructions from the Cabinet.—*Reuter.*

**SEVERE EARTHQUAKE  
IN PERSIA.**

**TEN KILLED; MUCH DAMAGE  
AT NISHAPUR.**

Tehran, Aug. 22.  
A severe earthquake is reported affecting Sabazewar, Nishapur, Shirwan, Khorassan and the whole of this particular district.

At present only scanty details are available, but it is learned that many buildings in Nishapur have been badly damaged and that ten people have been killed.—*Reuter.*

**MEXICO REVOLUTION  
ECHO.**

**ADJUSTING BRITISH CLAIMS  
FOR LOSSES.**

London, Aug. 22.  
The first meeting was held in Mexico to-day of the Commission set up under the Anglo-Mexican Convention of 1926 for the settlement of British pecuniary claims for loss or damage by revolutionary acts in Mexico between November 20th, 1919, and May 31st, 1920.—*British Wireless.*

**CHINESE TAX DISPUTE.**

**MERCHANTS AND BANKERS  
CLOSE DOWN.**

A naval wireless message received in Hongkong this morning from Kiuksing states that, as a protest against the provincial interior commercial tax (which has been declared illegal by the Nanjing Government), Chinese merchants and bankers in the neighbourhood are suspending business.

**STATE LIQUOR FOR  
AMERICA?**

**AL. SMITH'S CUE FROM  
CANADA.**

**RUTHLESS WAR ON BRIBERY  
IN "DRY" ACTIVITIES.**

**ACCEPTANCE SPEECH.**

New York, Aug. 22.  
Speaking at Albany to-day to a vast audience of supporters, with millions all over the United States listening-in to the broadcast of the address, Mr. Alfred E. Smith, the Governor of New York, and Democratic nomination for the Presidency, formally announced his acceptance of the nomination.

Governor Smith dealt exhaustively with the problem of prohibition, and strongly advocated modification of the Eighteenth Amendment, declaring that the present state of affairs was sufficient evidence of the urgent need for reform.

With regard to the claims of the farmers, he promised to make it one of his first duties to deal with the problem of controlling the crop surpluses.

President Coolidge's policy in Nicaragua and Mexico was keenly assailed by the Democratic candidate, who also pledged himself to a "real" endeavour to bring about the outlawry of war as an instrument of national policy.

Reiterating that neither he, nor the Democratic Party, contemplated any sudden or drastic changes in the present tariff scales, he advocated "progressive" legislation for the protection and care of workmen.

**Immigration Laws.**

He struck a popular note in making it plain that he was strongly opposed to the harsh immigration provision which so frequently was the cause of the separation of families and said that the Democrats would remove the provision.

Mr. Smith also opposed the principle of immigration restriction based on figures of an immigrant population contained in a census which was 38 years old.

Re-affirming his strong stand for the public ownership and control of water power, he emphasised the necessity for inland waterways, of re-afforestation and the conservation of natural resources.

Returning to the Prohibition question, Governor Smith insisted that the present definition of the alcoholic content of a beverage was candidly admitted to be inaccurate and unscientific.

**Volstead Amendment Urged.**

Some immediate relief would be forthcoming on the amendment of the Volstead Law. He outlined his plan for the amendment of the law, stating that he proposed legislation which would permit each State to fix its own standard, subject to a proviso that that standard did not exceed a maximum which would be fixed by Congress.

Referring to bootlegging, which he declared went on almost unchecked all over the United States, he said that that was an argument in itself for the repeal or amendment of the Volstead Law. The people themselves should, after eight years' trial, be permitted to say whether or not the existing conditions should be rectified.

Mr. Smith mentioned that Canada had gone far to solve the problem by the sale of liquor made by the State.

**State Referendum.**

He said he proposed to stamp out ruthlessly the corruption in enforcement activities.

Again referring to modification proposals, he said that an amendment should be passed which would give each State, after a referendum of its own people, the right, wholly within its borders, to import, manufacture, and sell alcohol. He would not, however, tolerate a return to the saloons.

Governor Smith also promised that legislation would be framed to meet just causes of complaint as



**CIVIL SERVANT IN  
THE DOCK.**

**DIVULGING AIR MINISTRY  
INFORMATION.**

**TWO MONTHS IN PRISON**

London, Aug. 22.  
A mild sensation was caused at Bow Street to-day when a Civil Servant named Taylor, aged 27, was produced in the dock and charged with contravention of the Official Secrets Act by communication on August 14th, to an unauthorized person information obtained owing to his position.

Taylor, who is employed by the Air Ministry, was also charged under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

Evidence was given to the effect that Taylor, who entered the Civil Service as a boy clerk, offered, earlier in the month, to supply to a contractor a list of the Government contractors competing with him, and a list of their price-lists.

The offer was allegedly made in consideration of the payment of a sum of money.

It was also stated that Taylor had previously borne an excellent character. He was married and had one child. His downfall was attributed to betting and the fact that he had become involved with money-lenders.

The accused was found guilty on both counts and sentenced to two months' imprisonment in the second division on each charge, the sentences to run concurrently.—*Reuter.*

**DEATH OF DR. D. H.  
BALFOUR.**

**PASSES AWAY SUDDENLY AT  
SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE.**

It is with much regret that we have to record the death of Dr. D. H. Balfour, which occurred suddenly at the Seamen's Institute in the early hours of this morning.

The late Dr. Balfour, who was a native of Scotland, was 69 years of age. He had been on the China Coast for some 30 years, as a ship's doctor, and was extremely well known in most parts of the Far East. His death was quite unexpected, as he appeared to be in his usual health yesterday, and had arranged to leave here within the next few days as doctor aboard the s.s. Haiyang, which is proceeding to the South Sea Islands. The deceased was a widower, his wife having predeceased him many years ago.

The funeral takes place to-morrow morning, passing the Monument at 10 o'clock.

**U. S. RUBBER POOL.**

**LIQUIDATION IS PROCEEDING  
SATISFACTORILY.**

New York, Aug. 22.  
It is authoritatively stated that the liquidation of the American rubber pool is proceeding satisfactorily, and will be completed long before November 1st.

The financial statements of some of the important companies disclose the fact that the losses incurred by the operation of the pool have been wiped off.—*Reuter's American Service.*

**regards the unwarranted issue of  
injunctions in labour disputes.**

**America's Place in Peace.**

Governor Smith declared that the usefulness of arbitration treaties as deterrents of war was materially impaired by the reservation of various nations claiming the right to wage defensive wars; as those reservations were interpreted in the light of President Coolidge's records. (Probably a reference to Nicaragua and Mexico).

Mr. Smith expressed the belief that Americans desired to assume their full share of responsibility for the administration of the world without a political alliance with any foreign nation.

He pledged himself to remove the causes of war and to substitute conciliation, conference, arbitration and judicial determination.—*Reuter's American Service.*

**NAVY AGREEMENT  
BOMBSHELL.**

**MILITARY CONCESSION  
MADE TO FRANCE.**

**RETICENCE ON "GUARDIAN'S"  
REVELATIONS.**

**"MUCH EXAGGERATED"**

London, Aug. 22.  
Distrust and suspicion of the Anglo-French naval compromise which appeared to be evaporating as the result of the statements semi-officially issued in Britain and France showing the absence of ulterior motive, have been revived by a report appearing in the *Manchester Guardian*.

The *Guardian's* political correspondent says that when the text of the agreement is published it will appear perfectly harmless, but he adds that what is not harmless is the military concession made to the French in return for their naval concession.

**A Betrayal.**

He asserts that Great Britain has consented to abandon her opposition to the French thesis that trained reserves should not be included in the limitation of land disarmament and accepting France's military supremacy in Europe.

The *Guardian* in an editorial this morning remarked that this sacrifice of principle by Great Britain is a betrayal.

**Official Reticence.**

Authoritative circles are most reticent as regards the allegations made by the *Manchester Guardian* and comment is being withheld, though it has been stated that the report is "much exaggerated."

Whether it is an exaggeration or not, it seems to be a fact that the British Government has made concession to France in regard to land armaments in order to secure an agreement in regard to naval armaments.

It is supposed that leakages of information to Germany indicating this result of the compromise, has led to such strong criticism of the whole scheme in Berlin.

**U.S. May Wreck Plan.**

The position of America has also to be borne in mind. In spite of British and French assurances, there appears to be strong opposition at Washington to the proposals, and the view is now held that as the result of United States opposition, the whole plan may come to nothing.

Again, however, it is pointed out, that there should be no cause for alarm since the whole question of land armaments must be submitted to the Preparatory Disarmament Commission before anything definite can be settled. All Powers must adhere to the agreement before it can become operative.

**French Position.**

A fuller summary of the semi-official communique issued in Paris in regard to the compromise has been made available.

The communique refers to the failure of the tripartite naval conference between the United States, Great Britain and Japan, chiefly owing to opposition to the standpoint of Great Britain and the United States as regards light cruisers and their armaments. Furthermore the Preparatory Disarmament Commission also met with difficulties which hitherto it has been impossible to remove.

The British and French Governments are anxious to enable the resumption of the negotiations of the Preparatory Commission and jointly searched for the bases for an entente which might eventually be accepted by other Powers. The compromise reached, far from running counter to the viewpoints of other nations, tends to reconcile them.

**Reconciling Differences.**

The arrangements in fact have merely been made for the purpose of enabling further negotiations on these precise bases. It recalls (Continued on Page 8.)

**IMPERIAL AIRWAYS  
PROGRESS.**

**PROFIT OF £72,000 FOR  
LAST YEAR.**

**PROPOSED DIVIDEND.**

London, Aug. 22.  
It is announced that the Directors of the Imperial Airways Company, which conducts air services to the Continent and the Middle East, have recommended the payment of a dividend of five per cent. for the year ended March 31st.

This is an event of note in the annals of British air transport, for it indicates that within four years of the formation of the Company, its prospects are such that the Board can afford to make disbursements instead of retaining every penny for development.

The Company has an issued capital of £472,800, and the profit made during the year, including, of course, the Government subsidy, was £72,000, compared with £11,400 for the previous year. A sum of £24,000 is being devoted to wiping off the deficit of the earlier years of operation.

The great improvement of the past year is attributed to the gradual improvement of the Company's air fleet and the increasing use of its air services as the public becomes more cognisant of the advantages of air transport.

With the prospective extension of the Company's services, notably to India, which should prove profitable, it is anticipated that in the near future the Company will reach a self-supporting basis.—*British Wireless.*

**NEW CHINA STATION  
FLAGSHIP.**

**ADMIRAL TO TAKE OVER  
NEXT WEEK.**

H.M.S. Kent, the new cruiser which arrived on the China Station last week, sailed for Weihaiwei yesterday. The flag of the Commander-in-Chief of the China Station (Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald R.Y. Tyrwhitt, Bt., K.C.B., D.S.O.) will be transferred from H.M.S. Hawkins to H.M.S. Kent on the afternoon of Wednesday, August 29.

H.M.S. Hawkins is due to arrive in Hongkong from Weihaiwei on Monday, September 3, and she will sail for England on Tuesday, September 11.

**INTERRUPTED FLIGHT.**

**"PRINCESS XENIA" REACHES  
INDIA AT LAST.**

Karachi, Aug. 22.  
The monoplane "Princess Xenia," piloted by Captain C. D. Barnard, with the sexagenarian Duchess of Bedford as passenger, has arrived here from Bushire, where they have been held up for two months awaiting the arrival of a new engine.

They are flying back to England on Friday.

It was in June that the "Princess Xenia" started on its flight from London to Karachi, but on arrival at Bushire engine trouble prevented a continuation of the flight.—*Reuter.*

**CUBAN SUGAR.**

**PLEA FOR RESTRICTION  
REMOVAL.**

New York, Aug. 22.  
It is privately reported that 82 per cent. of the sugar planters in Cuba have petitioned President Machado to discontinue restriction of next season's crop.—*Reuter's American Service.*

**TYPHOON FORMING?**

To-day's Observatory report states:—Pressure is high to the east of Japan and over the Yellow Sea. It is low over South Manchuria and S.W. China. A typhoon may be forming in a trough of low pressure between Guam and the Philippines. The forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—South-east or variable winds, moderate; fair.

**HONGKONG BANK'S  
APPEAL.**

**TRUST FRAUD ACTION  
SUCCEEDS.**

**TWO GERMANS HEAVILY  
SENTENCED.**

**COMMUTATION PLEA.**

Shanghai, Aug. 23.  
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation have success, fully appealed in the case in which they charged Messrs. A. Berblinger and E. Leyer, two German residents of Shanghai, and partner and departmental manager respectively of a defunct firm, the Han Yung Company, with fraudulent misappropriation of funds secured in the sale of goods obtained by documents called "Trust Receipts."

When the case was originally heard the accused were acquitted, the Provisional Court holding that only a civil action could lie. The judgment was commented upon as likely to have a far-reaching effect on the entire business community in Shanghai.

**Deputy's Protest.**

Mr. H. E. Stevens, who sat on the Bench and Senior Consul's Deputy, strongly protested against the judgment, objecting to statements made in the course of the judgment on the grounds that they were contrary to the specific provisions of Chinese law, and that they undermined the sanctity of contracts, and reduced to an absurdity the fiduciary relationship which may accrue out of legal contracts.

Mr. Badeley, who appeared for the Bank, at that time asked the Court, pending an appeal, to continue bail, which request was accepted by the Court.

**Prison Sentence.**

This morning, in reversing the decision, Messrs. Berblinger and Leyer were sentenced to eleven months' imprisonment.

Accused's counsel, Dr. O. Fischer, applied for the commutation of the sentence into fines, and the Court is now considering this application.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

**The Original Judgment.**

The judgment upset was delivered in June, and the following extracts are interesting:

"It appears that the first accused, A. Berblinger, has for many years been trading in Shanghai as an importer of German goods, under the name or style of The Han Yung Trading Company, and the second accused was a departmental manager of the said company, and was given power to sign documents in the absence of the first accused. Part of the company's business was that of indenting for goods i.e., when the company received an order from a Chinese purchaser, the company would approach a bank and ask it to make an advance of money for financing the shipment of the goods needed to be ordered from company, and the bank, if it consented, would then instruct their branch office in Germany to advance the necessary sum to the branch office of the accused's company in Germany. In consideration of such advances, the shipment documents would then be hypothecated to the bank as collateral security, and a bill of exchange would be drawn upon the accused: when the goods arrived in Shanghai, the accused would accept the bill of exchange, which would mature on a certain date afterwards, and the bank would then hand over the shipping documents to the accused, who, in return, would sign a new, and further, document, popularly known as a 'trust receipt'."

**The Facts Recapped.**

Since 1922, the accused's company has made such credit arrangements with the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation, the complainants in this case, and a considerable amount of business was done in this way between the parties. Towards the latter half of

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## FORGERY TRIAL CLOSES.

**FOK CHUNG-YUEN  
SENTENCED AT SESSIONS.**

Fok Chung-yuen was found "Guilty" on two charges of uttering forged documents and one charge of conspiracy to defraud at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, before Mr. Justice Jackson, and received three sentences of imprisonment totalling five years. The accused was acquitted on two forgery charges.

In addressing the jury Mr. Sheldon, after speaking with regard to the law, went on to deal with the subject of a complaint by the other side of failure to disclose the nature of the defence. Counsel agreed with a judge, quoted at the Police Court hearing by Mr. Jenkin, wherein it was laid down that if a man was innocent it was better for him to say so at once and give reasonable grounds to be investigated by the prosecution. He went on to point out certain circumstances of the case and argued that in view of the circumstances such a procedure would not have been the best. With regard to the Police Court trial it was quite obvious that the prisoner would be committed for trial and had the prisoner then gone into the witness box he would have been cross-examined there and again cross-examined as he had been in the present court.

### Complete Defence.

After dealing with aspects of the matter in explanation, counsel said that the defence put up, to the knowledge of the Crown, was that the prisoner was not in Mr. Beavis' office. If what the prisoner had said was true then it was a complete defence to the charges. If he had never been into the office of Mr. Beavis, had never seen Mr. Beavis before, and had never signed a deed in the presence of Mr. Beavis on that morning, then he had a complete defence which was brought out at the Police Court.

Commenting on other previous remarks of opposing counsel, Mr. Sheldon said he could say that Mr. Jenkin had never meant to suggest that the defence was "Cooked." Lawyers were not in the habit of making up a defence for a man, and acted simply on the specific instructions of their client while no details were suggested by lawyers themselves.

Dealing with the forgery charges Mr. Sheldon submitted that there was no evidence at all upon which the jury could come to the conclusion that it was the prisoner's hand that forged the documents.

### Mr. Beavis' Memory.

The chief evidence against the accused, he continued, was that of Mr. Beavis who told of that very interesting and unusual story of his feat of memory after many years of incidents which occurred some seven years ago. These incidents took place in 1920 and 1921. Sometime ago, in 1926, continued Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Beavis was asked by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master if he had any recollection of the incidents which attended the execution of the assignment. "You will remember that he told us that he was asked in 1926, that he searched his mind with regard to it, and that his memory was a complete blank. A few days before the trial opened of Fok Kam-chuen against the Bank of Canton, where the father claimed against the bank for the return of his deeds, Mr. Beavis had suddenly remembered details which he has told to you, of what happened during the execution of that deed."

Continuing Mr. Sheldon went on to say they also heard that his evidence was different to that of Fok Kam-chuen. The old man had definitely sworn that he did not know anything whatever about the assignment until he saw in a newspaper, that his own properties were to be sold by the Bank of Canton. "If Mr. Beavis is correct about that, can you have any doubt in

your minds whatever that Fok Kam-chuen was a fraud? He was bringing a fraudulent case into court if that was so."

### Conflict Of Evidence.

Mr. Sheldon continued that, at once, they had a conflict of evidence between Mr. Beavis and Fok Kam-chuen and it was up to the jury to decide what evidence they were prepared to believe.

Mr. Beavis had been described by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, as an essential witness. Could they have any doubt that he was an essential witness for the Bank of Canton? "If the judge had believed Mr. Beavis' story, can you have any doubt that the verdict must have been for the bank because, if it is true, Fok Kam-chuen did know of the assignment long before he learned about it in the newspaper."

Concluding Mr. Sheldon dealt with other portions of the defence, saying that it was quite clear that a very great amount of suspicion must fall on the prisoner, owing to the way he was situated, but asked was there not equally suspicious evidence against the younger brother, Fok Tat-ful, and even the father, Fok Kam-chuen himself? No questions had been put to implicate Fok Kam-chuen.

### A Bizarre Story.

Mr. Sheldon submitted that if Mr. Beavis' evidence was taken away there was no more evidence against the prisoner than there was against either Fok Tat-ful or Fok Kam-chuen. Counsel submitted, that as reasonable men, the jury could not accept the evidence of Mr. Beavis. He added "I am not making any attack on the honesty of Mr. Beavis because I am sure he honestly believes his memory is true. But I do say it is impossible for you to accept this bizarre story of that refreshing of memory after six long years have gone by."

### Mr. Jenkin's Address.

Mr. Jenkin commenced his final address by urging that no reasonable jury could accept the prisoner's version with regard to the documents.

Counsel went on to speak with regard to disclosing the defence. "I have authority behind me of the greatest judicial officers in England, that a man who does not put forward his defence is a fool, if he does not take it on the first possible occasion. Mr. Jenkin continued that it was also held that if a man said "I reserve my defence" he was no less foolhardy as it might open him to the gravest suspicion. Under certain circumstances he was empowered to ask the jury to take a failure to disclose a defence into consideration and in the present case "I impress it upon you, and ask you to weigh heavily the fact that this defence was not put forward until we came into this court."

Continuing, counsel said that the prisoner was very closely associated in the matter in some way or other. It might have been an innocent or guilty act. Mr. Jenkin suggested that perhaps the key of the test that the jury might apply with some certainty was this: "Do you believe that the prisoner, a man of mature age, with matured business experience, one of two partners in an import and export business carried on in the foreign part of the business portion of this city, being on the verge, as he tells us, of bankruptcy, the bankruptcy being of his own firm, acted on what his younger brother told him, that the position had been saved by his father's assigning to the debtors, because that's what it amounts to, by mortgaging the whole of his property, thus saving him and his younger brother from ruin, and that he never spoke to his father about it, that never a word passed between the old man and the son?"

### Son's Deceit.

The only possible explanation, said counsel, was that the father knew nothing about it and the prisoner took good care that the father should not know anything about it. Upon what other basis than that was it possible to explain the extraordinary silence between the father and son when they were as intimate as the jury knew they were, when they were in daily contact, and took their meals together? Yet the prisoner never said a word to his father! "If you accept that story you are accepting one of the most extraordinary situations between a friendly father and a son that has ever been recorded in history."

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### Counsel's Indiscretions.

Continuing Mr. Jenkin said there was not a tittle of evidence on record before them upon which they could base a finding which would in any way involve Fok Kam-chuen, which was a monstrous suggestion. As it had not fallen from the lips of the son and had not been said by any of

the witnesses for the prosecution "It is, if I may say so, a matter of a grave indiscretion by counsel for the defence, to throw out a suggestion that possibly the father was the person at the bottom of it. It seems to suggest that possibly the father was at the bottom of it all."

Coming to the evidence of Mr. Beavis Mr. Jenkin said that the jury had to ask themselves whether it was possible for a man to recollect in his mind incidents which, for a period, had been entirely forgotten. The jury could draw on their own experience for an answer to that query. If they decided it was possible for a man honestly to recollect incidents, as in the present case, had they any

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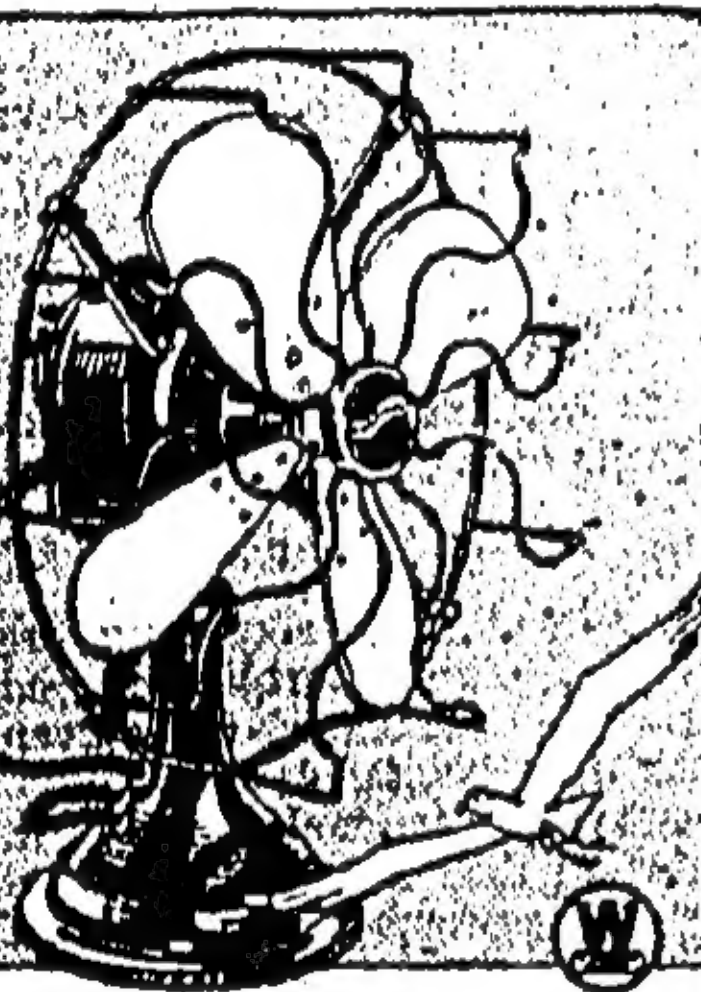
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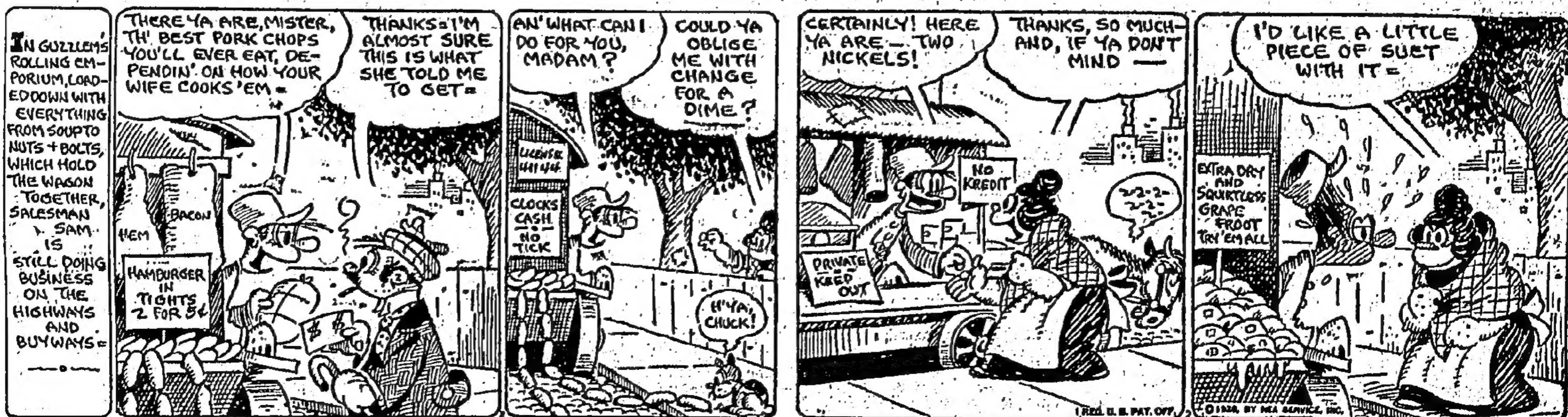
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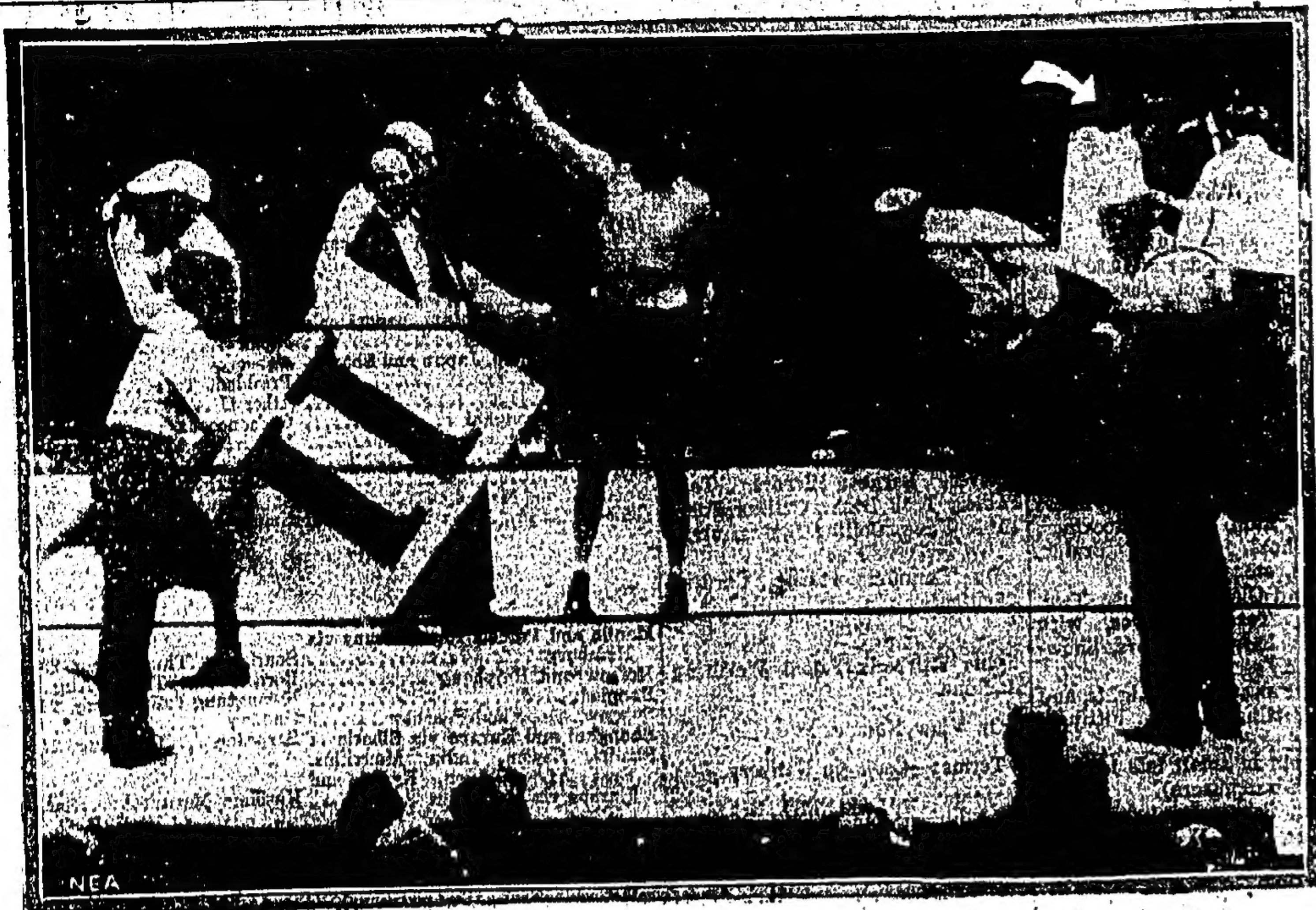
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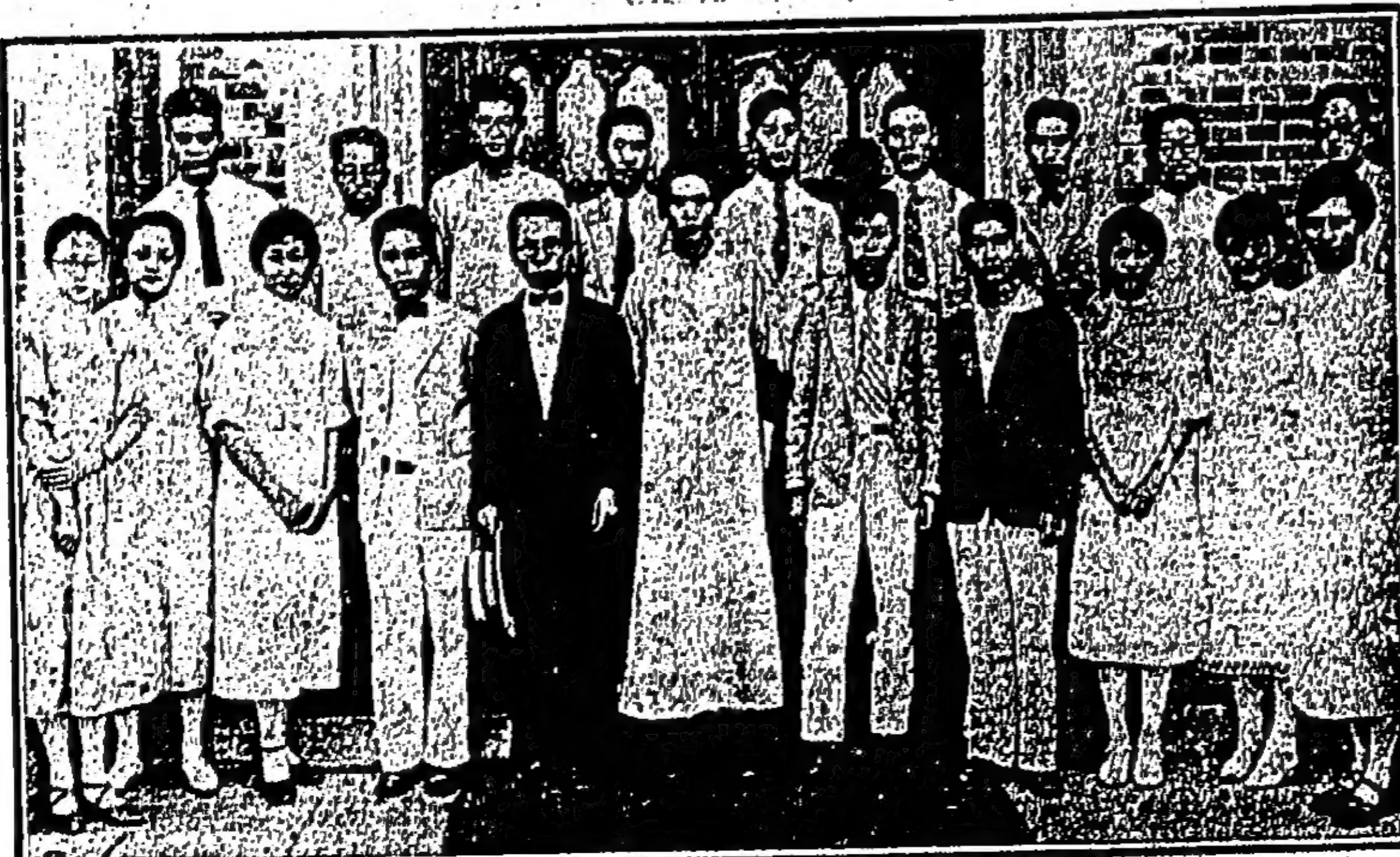
Tunney's supremacy over Henney was definitely settled in the fourth round, when after Henney's game attack in the third, the champion floored him. This picture of the fall was sent to San Francisco by telephoto process.



presidential candidate himself, but now a member of the Dorby brigade, Gov. Albert Ritchie, of Maryland, is a strong supporter of Mr. Al. Smith.



A lazy afternoon at the Country Club in Shanghai.



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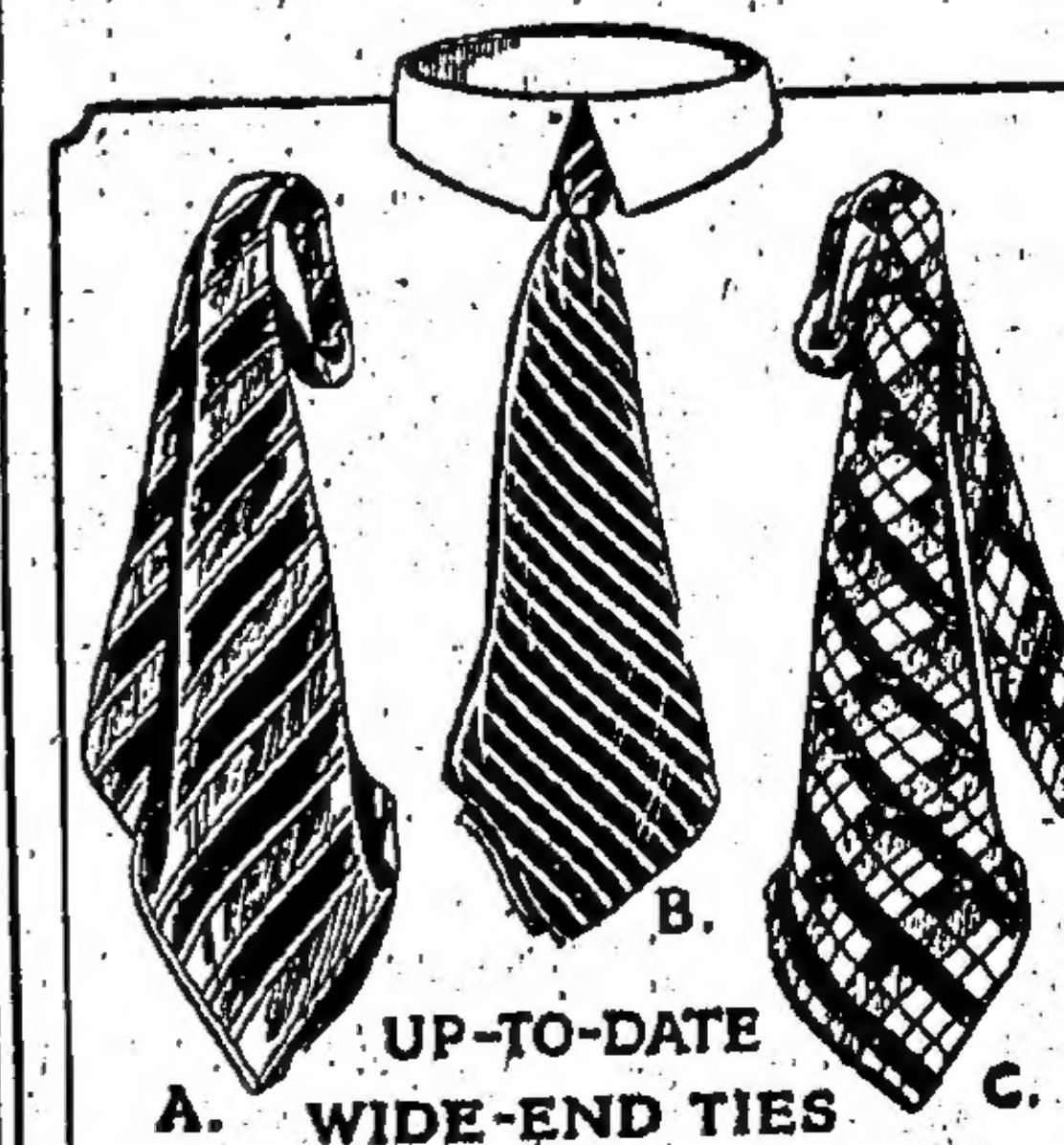
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# TO-DAY'S FILMS.

LAURA LA PLANTE COMEDY AT QUEEN'S.

Laura La Plante, blonde, mischievous and captivating comes to the Queen's Theatre to-day in her latest comedy success, "Thanks for the Buggy Ride," which will be the chief movie attraction until Saturday. "Thanks for the Buggy Ride" is a rollicking story of two young lovers who have the greatest difficulty in getting married owing to their lack of funds, telling how, after many exciting and amusing incidents have taken place, they succeed in overcoming all their troubles. The funny situations have been well worked out by the director, William A. Seiter, whose name has long been associated with Reginald Denham's pictures. Glean Tryon, hero of "Painting the Town," plays opposite the star who is further supported by Lee Moran, Kate Price and many others. An additional attraction at the 9.20 performances will be the appearance of Miss Cherie Valentine and Miss Tommasia Birdwell, the clever juvenile eccentric dancers, whose season at the Queen's Theatre has been extended until Saturday owing to popular demand. This clever couple will submit a complete change of programme except for "The Black Bottom," which is being given again by general request.

Charlie Chaplin.

Charlie Chaplin's famous comedy, "The Circus," is to remain the chief attraction at the World Theatre until Saturday. The story deals with the absurdly funny adventures of a tramp who suddenly finds himself entangled in a circus show, and manages to secure a job as bandman. The circus form the background for most of the hilarious incidents that follow. Throughout the story there runs a romance with a young girl, "The Circus" is essentially Charlie. No other man could have made it; his own shows in every scene. There are plenty of comedies and plenty of comedians, but there is only one Charlie Chaplin, and his latest picture shows how incomparably his genius shines above that of his fellow artists.

Racing Thrills.

An exciting story of the race track, "The Million Dollar Handicap," comes to the Star Theatre as the chief attraction from to-day to Saturday. Verne Reynolds, the charming hero of the picture, takes a thrilling race and wins a prize of \$10,000, so thwarting a group of sharpers who are trying to bring ruin on her family. There is a delightful romance running through the main theme of the picture. Edmund Burns is the hero, and the comedy side is in the capable hands of Tom Wilson. Ralph Lewis, another noted player in the "Million." Other members of the large cast are Ward Crane, Clarence Burton and Walter Emerson. The picture was directed by Sydney Scott who achieved fame through his work with Syd Chaplin's picture, "Charles's Aunt."

Heat wave reports from Spain tell of many houses destroyed by fire due to the sun's rays. Some 250,000 pine trees are blazing on hillsides in Biscay province.

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# WOMAN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.

## Few Presents. FOR THE MODERN GIRL.

[By a Young Woman.]

Among the many maxims impressed upon Victorian young women, "You must never accept presents from men" came perhaps highest in the list. In those days few mothers dream of drawing up such rules for their daughters. And there is little need for this particular injunction. It is doubtful if the girl of to-day really gets as many presents from her male admirers as the young woman who was strictly forbidden to receive them.

In those days there were certain exceptions to the general rule—presents she was allowed to receive, with due protestations, and which she took good care she should receive.

They were chiefly of two kinds—flowers and books. Even that extremely coy and decorous young woman in the popular Victorian ballad, "I Wish He Would Decide," described quite without a blush of shame how the annoying gentleman who wouldn't propose:

"takes me to the play, mammy, and brings me pretty books."

The arrival of an admirer with a bouquet in his hand was a matter of course. Unless she happens to be ill or a star of the theatre or concert platform, I wonder how many girls of flowers the average modern young woman

## One-Minute Interviews. FINDS WOMEN WORKERS PRONE TO BE HAPPY IN MEDIOCRITY.

"Hard work, determination, and faith in your own product, whether it is yourself or your career, are the three keys to success," said Marjorie Dork, New York beauty and slenderizing expert.

"It is the hard work clause that stops so many women today. Too many are content with a job that pays enough to get along on. They



do not appreciate what it means to have to hustle, and win by competition.

"Then, too, if a girl is smart looking, and clever, she can have all sorts of invitations out to dine and to dance, so she is perfectly satisfied with a mediocre job, because she has such a good time in her leisure hours."

"And no girl can be out dancing and playing every night, and work hard the next day. It can't be done. So unless a girl has a driving ambition, she becomes just one of the army of employees who work from nine to five."

Miss Dork herself has been most ambitious, and successful. In 18 years she has built up a business now so solidly established that it would tempt many a woman to retire to a life of ease.

"But I still have to keep my hand on the throttle," says she, "because competent women are hard to find. And there is no business that will run itself."

"And besides, having formed the habit of hard work, I find it necessary to my happiness, comfort and peace of mind."

receives in a year from her young men. Half a dozen is quite a high average unless she has older men among her circle.

And then as to books. While a young man may pass on a popular novel or even buy a brand new copy on the occasion of a birthday or Christmas, the expensive bound volumes of the poets so popular as presents in the Victorian era are completely missing.

Lack of Money.

With flowers and editions de luxe almost down to the vanishing point, what does the modern girl get in exchange? Sometimes chocolate, when she is taken to a theatre or cinema, if her care for her figure permits her to accept such fattening presents. Still, even chocolates are a good deal less certain than the Victorian flowers. There may be cigarettes sometimes as well, although a young man is far more likely to give her the freedom of his cigarette case than buy her a packet of her own. If they are playing golf together he will perhaps divide a box of new balls with her. An exclamation of dismay on the discovery of a ladder

in her silk stocking may inspire him to buy her a new pair. Still even that had its equivalent in the Victorian era. One remembers being told by old ladies of one-sided games of forfeit at which the woman always won, entitling her to receive a pair of gloves from a man friend.

Of course, there are certain young women who receive far more presents, but then they are usually experts at the art of "gold digging." I am writing, however, of the average attractive young woman with a circle of admiring young men, who would not dream of deliberately fishing for presents. She does seem to do rather badly compared with the girl of fifty years ago.

Naturally there are various reasons for this seeming lack of attention on the part of her admirers. In the old days a young man spent practically nothing on entertaining a girl. Nowadays, with dinner for two at a fashionable restaurant, stalls at anything up to a guinea each, and then a dance club, there is no money left for flowers.

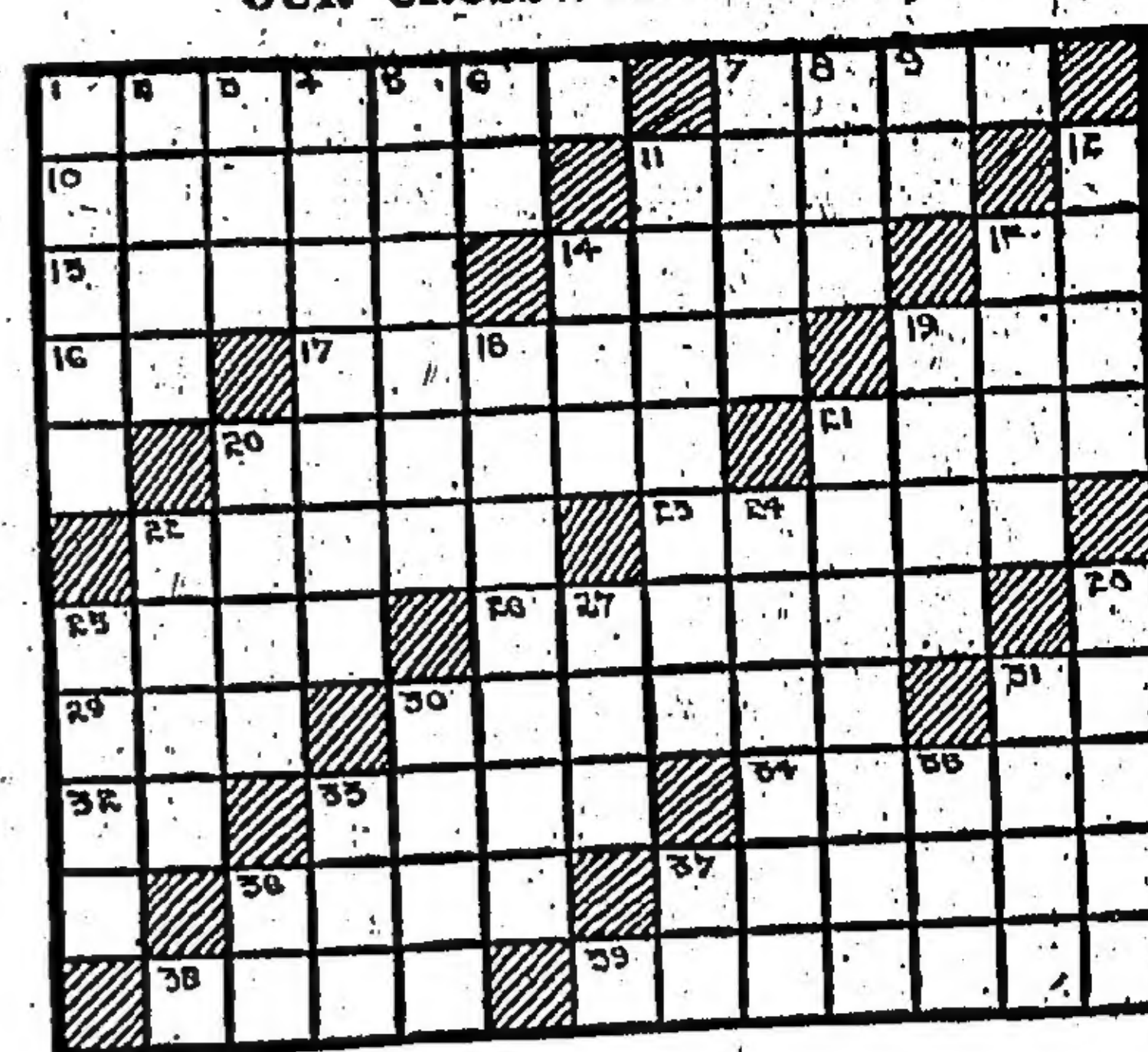
Still, there is an even more important reason than lack of money which accounts for the decrease in presents. Pressing extravagant offerings on a girl is not nearly so dashing as it was in the old days. When she was strictly forbidden to receive presents and books only accepted flowers and books under protest, the Don Juan-like glamour any gift bestowed on the donor was ample reward for the expense. The modern "Thank you so much" is really not sufficient.

## Navy and Beige.



The suit in this instance was of light navy cloth, the little bolero coat cut short so that an inch or two of beige blouse spotted with navy might be revealed. The sleeves, too, barely reach the wrists, that ly puffs of the blouse sleeves may peep out, and there is a knotted tie in keeping with the ensemble.

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Horizontal.

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- 7 Haze.
- 10 Merited.
- 11 Sheer.
- 13 Toe.
- 14 Healthy.
- 15 Sun god.
- 16 Morinda dye.
- 17 Optical effect.
- 19 To haul.
- 20 Riding academy.
- 21 System of signals.
- 22 A fend.
- 23 Child's glass marble.
- 25 To detect.
- 26 To signify by a visible sign.
- 29 Era.
- 30 Cockroach.
- 31 Delity.
- 32 Second note in scale.
- 33 Knot in a tree.
- 34 Flock.
- 36 Damage.
- 37 Gazed at.
- 38 Very small.
- 39 Volcanic scoria.

Vertical.

- 1 Type of auto body.
- 2 End of a dress coat.
- 3 Unit of work.
- 4 To stimulate.
- 5 Part of the eye which receives the image formed by the lens.
- 6 Hypothetical structural unit.
- 7 Hybrid between a horse and an ass.

- 8 Anger.
- 9 Point of compass.
- 11 A showy parade.
- 12 To engage in as a contest.
- 14 An ugly old woman.
- 15 Surly.
- 18 Melts down.
- 19 To carry.
- 20 A suitable companion.
- 21 Provided for.
- 22 A wise man.
- 24 Auriferous.
- 26 Injury.
- 27 Snake-like fish.
- 28 Water carriages.
- 29 To imbibe.
- 31 Always.
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- 34 Native metal.
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# POPULAR DANCERS.

CHANGE OF PROGRAMME TO-NIGHT.

With the exception of the world famous "Black Bottom," which is being repeated by popular request, Miss Cherie Valentine and Miss Tommasia Birdwell, the juvenile eccentric dancers, will give an entire change of programme at the 9.20 performance to-night in the Queen's Theatre. The new programme to be presented is as follows:

1. "Coppelia," Toe Dance, Miss Valentine.
2. "Swiss Yodel," Clog Dance, Miss Birdwell.
3. "Adalique," Acrobatic Dance, Miss Valentine.
4. "Buenos Aires," Tango, Miss Valentine and Miss Birdwell.
5. "The Black Bottom," Miss Birdwell.
6. "Divertissement," Miss Valentine and Miss Birdwell.

The dancers will appear nightly until Saturday, appearing in conjunction with Laura La Plante's big comedy success, "Thanks for the Buggy Ride," which will be screened at all shows.

# SERIOUS AFFAIR IN PERAK.

ENGINEER ATTACKED BY CHINESE COOLIES.

Ipoh, Aug. 15. A report from the mining village of Tualang last night states that at about nine o'clock Mr. N. O. Gray, of Pin Soon Mines, was grievously assaulted by Chinese

# COMING HERE.

"LOVE ME AND THE WORLD IS MINE."

The "Merry Go Round" lovers, Norman Kerry and Mary Philbin, who thrilled screen fans with their remarkable performances in that production and "The Phantom of the Opera," are together again in a new picture entitled "Love Me and the World is Mine," which will be the chief attraction at the Queen's Theatre on Tuesday and Wednesday next, according to a special advertisement in this issue. The story, based on "The Affairs of Hannel," is laid against the gay life of pre-war Vienna and concerns the love affairs of an innocent little convent girl and an officer of the Australian army. The noted German director, A. E. Dupont, was responsible for the direction of the picture which has been produced on a lavish scale and introduces a new method in filming. In support of the stars are such well known names as Betty Compson, Henry B. Walthall, George Seigemann, Charles Puffy, Emily Fitzroy and many others.

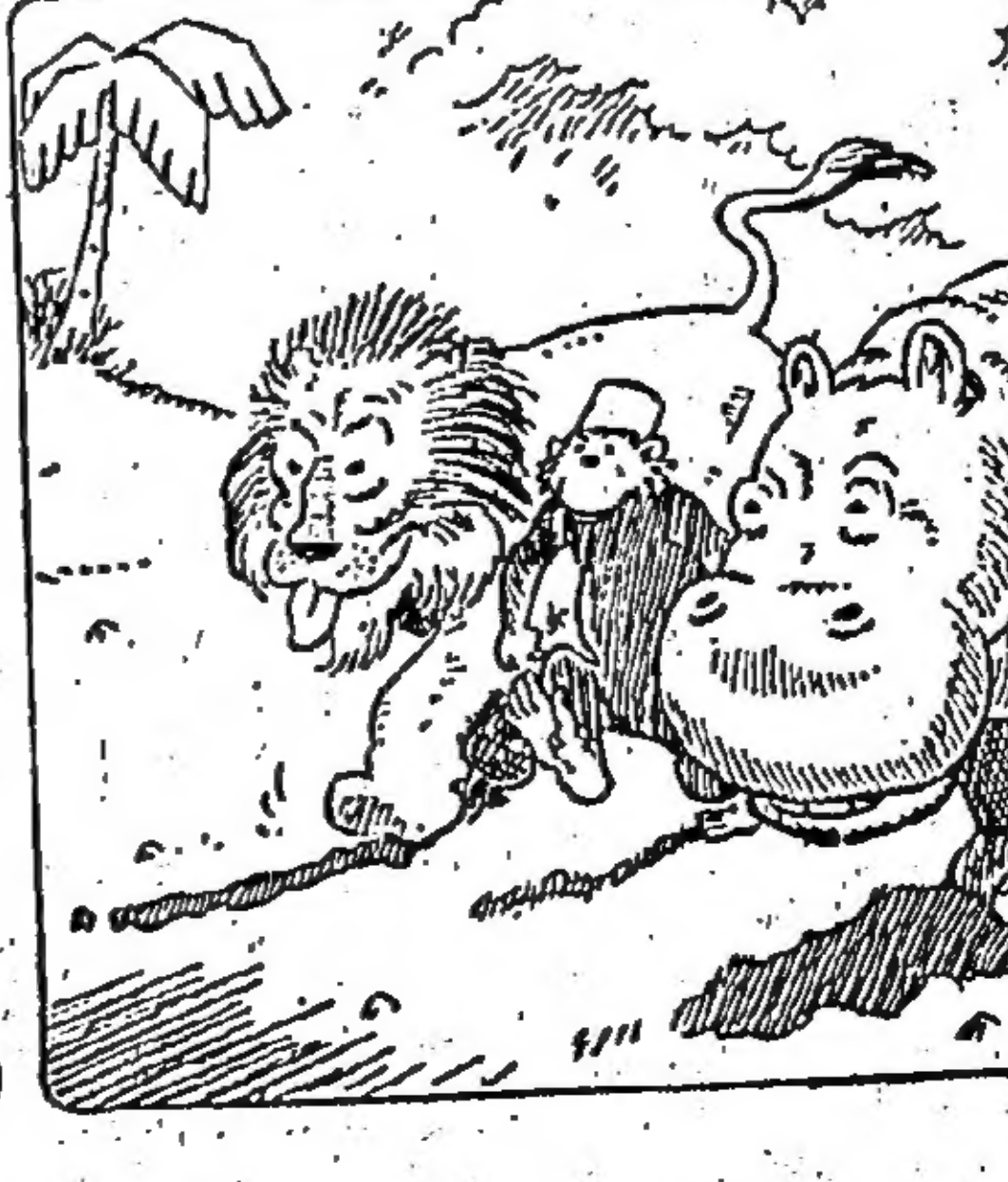
Dr. Preston King, a Bath magistrate, paid a 2s. 6d. fine imposed on John Reid for hawking without a license.

coolies, who were armed with axes and knives. The assailants escaped into the jungle.

Ipoh, Aug. 16. Though Mr. Gray is still unconscious, his condition is not considered serious. On account of his illness the police are unable to gather information as to the identity of his assailants.

By Blosser

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## DEATH

Dr. YING KWAN TO.—At No. 15, Babington Path, on August 21st, 1928. The funeral will leave the residence on 23rd August, 1928, at 4.30 p.m. for the Chinese Protestant Cemetery.

## The Hongkong Telegraph.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 1928

## THE SALT GABELLE.

Speaking in the House of Commons nearly two months ago, Sir Austen Chamberlain declared that he was not at all satisfied with the attitude of the Nanking Government in regard to the Salt Gabelle. This remark was made in consequence of orders having been issued by the Nanking Salt Administration to the District Inspectors at Tientsin and Chefoo directing that all payments due to the salt revenues should be deposited with various Chinese banks, to be taken over by an officer appointed by Nanking. Following this, Sir Miles Lampson issued a warning to the Minister of Foreign Affairs in Nanking against the irregularity of this action. Discussions have since taken place on the subject between Mr. F. Hussey-Freke, the Associate Chief Inspector, and the Nanking authorities, but that they have not terminated satisfactorily is now evident from the latest developments, which amount to wholesale repudiation of the agreement under which the Salt Gabelle is administered.

The prime point to be borne in mind when considering this question is that the salt revenues of China are pledged as security for a series of big foreign loans, and, under that agreement, these revenues are to be paid into the Group Bank. After foreign obligations are met, the balance is paid to the Chinese Government. Unhappily, the process of commencing the revenues has in recent years so continued that the foreign loan obligations are already in default. Ever since 1916, various provincial authorities have been retaining the salt revenues, some with and some without the authority of the Central Government, until the Changlu salt field, became the only remaining revenue-producing station. Now, however, the Nationalist representative in this area is overruling the functions of the District

Inspectorate and retaining the revenues illegally released. In other words, the Nationalists are taking the whole Salt Gabelle administration out of the hands of those to whom it has been entrusted by signed agreement. The service is thus—being shattered, and it is not surprising to read that the situation created is regarded as one of extreme gravity.

This challenge by Nanking—for it cannot be regarded as anything else—is no doubt part and parcel of the Nationalist policy in regard to what it is pleased to describe as the unequal treaties. It is true that in June the Nanking Government issued a declaration that it would not disregard any international responsibility in consequence of agreements and understandings with foreign nations, but the saving clause was added that this would apply to agreements "properly and legally concluded, and on the basis of equality." Apparently the Nationalists contend that all China's dealings with the Powers come within the scope of this phrase, but it is obvious that the foreign nations cannot permit Nanking to be the sole arbiter on this point. To do so would be tantamount to conceding the right of wholesale repudiation of the Treaties. Some time back, Mr. T. V. Soong undertook that his Government would make the required contributions to the service of the loans secured on the Gabelle, but he insisted that these must come out of the whole national revenues, holding that the cur-marking of certain funds for the purpose would imply the existence of "a receivership for China's finances." This is a point deserving of negotiation, admittedly, but it is quite aside from the other issue of the future of the Salt Gabelle administration. The Nationalists may prate as they will about "unequal treaties," but they cannot dispose of the fact that the foreign supervision of the Salt Gabelle has resulted in huge sums being made available to the Chinese Government which would otherwise have found their way into the pockets of unscrupulous officials. Indeed, prior to the institution of foreign supervision, the revenue yielded from this source did not attain much more than a seventh of what it since has. The working of the Gabelle, since its reform, has therefore been all to China's benefit, even after the loan obligations have been met. That is what honest and efficient administration has accomplished. We can certainly see nothing very "unequal" in the arrangement, unless it be in the value of the contribution which foreign supervision constitutes.

## The Greek Elections.

The dramatic return to Greek public life of M. Venizelos scarcely prepared political observers for the sweeping nature of his victory at the polls. He has been placed in power with a majority in the Chamber of approximately 220, or eleven to one, the country's verdict being a remarkable triumph for a powerful personality in the first place, and republicanism in the second. M. Venizelos was quite content to leave the leadership of the Progressive Liberal Party to M. Kafandaris until he observed what he regarded as signs of danger to the Republic. He suspected a military coup designed to establish a Dictatorship, a regime almost as hateful to M. Venizelos as the monarchy which he was so largely instrumental in breaking up. A quarrel with M. Kafandaris precipitated the Cabinet crisis, and in spite of violent abuse by the Royalist Press, and threats of a new revolution, M. Venizelos formed a new Liberal Cabinet and appealed to the country for support. The Greeks, it is generally believed, have an automatic distrust of their great men, but in this case, the prejudice, if any, was weighed against a prolonged Governmental crisis, and the proved ineffectiveness of the Coalition Cabinet, and the opportunity of restoring a lost asset was seized in no uncertain fashion. The split in the Liberal party was evidently more apparent than real, and any hope that members would rally to the banner of the disap-

## DAY BY DAY.

IT IS BETTER TO WEAR OUT THAN RUST OUT.—Bishop Cumberland.

The B.I. s.s. Gambada left Singapore for Hongkong yesterday morning and is due here on Monday.

According to the Chinese calendar, to-day is the festival of "Stopping of Heat." It hasn't felt much like it, though.

Mr. J. W. Birmingham (47), of Earl's Court, a pioneer of English jazz bands, who died on May 5, left \$503.

Yesterday's return of notifiable diseases shows one case each of small-pox, diphtheria and typhoid. All were Chinese.

The Empress of Russia (from Manila) is due here at 9 a.m. on Sunday, and will berth at Pier No. 6, Kowloon Wharf.

The mail from Home by the s.s. Sarpedon, dated London, July 26, consisted of 183 bags. It was distributed this forenoon.

Information has been received that the s.s. Hulvard has been chartered for the coast ports run by the Douglas Company for a period of six weeks.

In recognition of his 32 years' chairmanship of the Bedfordshire County Council, the Duke of Bedford was presented with an inscribed silver salver.

A Chinese, aged twenty, is reported to the police as having abandoned with \$505, being money entrusted to him by the master of the Man Yuen compradore's shop, of 28, Queen's Road East, with which to pay certain stall holders in Central Market yesterday.

A Chinese cook, living at No. 3, Praya East, was sent to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday as a result of injuries inflicted on him by several Shanghai men who attacked him in Sharp Street. It is stated that fire irons were used for the purpose of assault. Two men have been arrested.

The sum of \$1,000 has been contributed by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation towards the building fund of the Tung Wah Hospital, now under construction at Soek-ko-poo. The Chairman of the Tung Wah Hospital, Mr. Tung Shiu-kin, has written thanking the Bank for its generosity.

At the Marine Court this morning, eleven masters and mistresses of cargo boats were fined \$10 each for mooring their craft within 100 yards of low-water mark after dusk. Other cases dealt with included one in which two fishing boat masters were fined \$10 each for using bright lights in the Central Fairway, and another in which a similar fine was imposed on a launch master for navigating the harbour without regulation lights.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 17 arrivals and 20 departures, British seven and 10, leaving 62 vessels in port, British 26. Tonnage was only fair for the number of arrivals and inward freights were by no means good. Throughs were individually better, with seven registries of which British was best. The second highest inward was also British, the nationality recording a total of approximately 13,000 tons under both headings.

## COMPRADORE'S DEATH.

### FOR TWENTY YEARS WITH STEAMBOAT CO.

The death of Mr. Pang Chun-ang, for 20 years compradore in vessels of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, is reported, this having taken place at his residence in Lee In Street on Tuesday.

The deceased, who was 51 years of age, was compelled to relinquish his post six months ago owing to kidney trouble. The remains will be placed on board the s.s. Lungshan this afternoon for conveyance to Canton, where the interment will take place. Relatives will accompany the coffin and a large number of wreaths from local sympathisers has already been sent to the vessel, including tributes from members of the Steamboat Company staff.

pointed M. Kafandaris was displaced as quickly as the claim of the Royalists to national support. The power is now in M. Venizelos' hands to lift Greece out of the mood of despondency prevailing in the past few years, and he can proceed rapidly in the full assurance not only that Greece expects much of him, but that confidence abroad can be quickly restored.

## FAMOUS WOMAN VIOLINIST.

### MISS HANSEN'S HONGKONG PROGRAMME.

Advices that have just reached the Colony from Mr. Strok in Shanghai indicate that the public of Singapore greeted Miss Cecilia Hansen's first appearance there (incidentally her debut in the Orient) on August 14th, with a great ovation. The press unanimously agrees that Miss Hansen has well sustained her reputation of being the world's greatest woman violinist. Hongkong music lovers are promised a unique treat when Miss Hansen gives her first violin recital here on Wednesday, the 25th inst., at the Theatre Royal.

### About Hong Kong.

#### Do you know that—

The first survey of Hongkong was made from Morrison Hill by Captain Sir R. E. Belcher, R.N.?

This was in 1841, and he determined the names and heights of the principal peaks as follows:

Victoria Peak (1,825 ft.), High West (1,774 ft.), Mount Gough (1,575 ft.), Mount Kollott (1,131 ft.), Mount Parker (1,711 ft.), Pottinger Peak (1,016 ft.). Mount Gough was named after Major Gen. Sir Hugh Gough, commanding the British Forces at the time of the cession of Hongkong; Mount Kollott after Vice-Admiral Sir H. Kellett; Mount Parker after Vice-Admiral Sir Wm. Parker; and Pottinger Peak after Sir Henry Pottinger, Hongkong's first Governor.

Miss Hansen's first programme is as follows:—

1. Ciaconna ..... Vitali.
2. Concerto D Major Tchaikowsky. Allegro moderato. Canzonetta. Allegro vivacissimo.
3. La Follia ..... Corelli-Kreisler.
4. a. Recitativo & Scherzo (Violin only) Kreisler. b. Hungarian Dance .. Brahms. c. Poupée valsante ... Poldini. d. Rondo des Laitins .. Bazzini.

Miss Hansen, who is accompanied by her husband-accompanist, Mr. Boris Zahkharoff, arrives in Hongkong on Tuesday, by the French Mail liner Athos II from Singapore via Saigon where she also gave recitals.

Booking for Miss Hansen's two concerts has already opened at Moutrie's and her season promises to be one of the most successful ever enjoyed by an artist of such great rank in Hongkong.

## EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Aug. 22.
Paris	124.20
Brussels	134.80
Amsterdam	12.105
Berlin	20.37
Copenhagen	18.10
Vienna	34.425
Helsingfors	102.5
Lisbon	2.7/32
Bucharest	794/4
Buenos Aires	47.13/32
Shanghai	22.7/4
Yokohama	1/10.3/16
New York	4.85 1/4
Geneva	25.20
Milan	32.70
Stockholm	18.13
Oslo	18.19
Prague	103.5
Madrid	20.185
Athens	375
Rio	5.29/32
Bombay	1/5.29/32
Hongkong	2/0/4
Silver (spot)	27.3/10
Silver (forward)	27.5/10

—British Wireless.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### KOWLOON MOTOR BOATS.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—May I voice a general complaint on behalf of those who use motor boats from Kowloon side in the early mornings? Invariably these break down after leaving the public pier, causing much delay to people proceeding to ships in the harbour. It is getting so bad that many have been known to proceed to Hongkong and take a motor boat from Blake Pier.

There, is, I understand, periodical inspection of public vehicles on the road. Could not the same thing be carried out in the harbour.—Yours, etc.,

MASTER MARINER.

Kowloon Aug. 22, 1928.

British nurses throughout the world subscribed £2,535 to the Queen Alexandra Memorial.

## The Very Idea!

Mr. Barrie Oliver, the actor and dancer, received judgment in the King's Bench Division recently for £1,166 in his action against Messrs. Clayton and Waller, the theatrical producers, and Moss Empires, Ltd., for damages for breach of contract to employ him in a leading comedy part in "Hit the Deck" at the London Hippodrome.

Mr. Oliver complained that he received a minor part with only twenty-seven lines of dialogue.

Mr. Stanley Augustus Holloway, the juvenile lead in "Hit the Deck," who was called as a witness for the defence, said that he was not a comedian, but the romantic lover in the play. The part offered to Mr. Oliver, he said, was one of the three chief comedy roles in the play.

Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C., cross-examining: "Before the heroine came on the stage you said: 'Listen. This is Judy's posh bit of fluff, and she's struck on me. Nice kid—wait till you see her.' Is that romantic?"

Mr. Holloway: No. "When you met her first did you say: 'Let me introduce two pals of mine—Mat, the stoker, and Bunny, the pottopoler, to the Admiral.' Is that romantic?" No.

This record spate of oratory must be taken with certain reservations, as the report comes from the land where stories are often taller than the very tall buildings that "scrape the sky."

A stranger entered a church in the middle of the sermon and seated himself in a back pew. After a while he began to fidget, and turning to an old man at his side he whispered: "How long has he been preaching?"

"I don't know exactly; about 30 or 40 years, I think."

"I'll stay then," decided the stranger. "He must be nearly done now."

Few occupations tax the nerves harder than whale-hunting, but few occupations pay better. When the whale-hunting fleet recently returned from the Antarctic after a nine months' stay, the leading harpooner had earned a "normal" income of about £7,000 (130,000 kroners). In addition to this sum he had a contract giving him £4 (75 kroners) for each whale he killed. During the nine months he had killed 300 whales and his "extra income" amounted to £1,200 (22,500 kroners). Hardly one man in a thousand may hope to be a real good harpooner. It is upon his ability that the result of the expedition largely depends, and though his profit may seem high, it is modest compared with the profit he brings to the expedition.

My neighbour Brown wrote yesterday, Bristful of bill and beans, to say: "What glorious weather they had struck On holiday—such ripping luck!" But when the jackass has returned, A laugh at him I shall have earned: His grass is yellow, parched and tall; His weeds have thrived, and that is all; His trees and plants are full of blight; Stray cats, have smashed things left and right—Is there naught else I can remember? (My holiday is in November!)

Willenden woman: He hit me for all the world as if I was a champion punch ball.

Man at Bow County Court: I know I am often out, but there is always some one at home to receive summonses.

Walthamstow landlady, complaining of her lodger: He used bad English—it quite upset me.

Mr. Justice Maugham, in a Chancery Division case: Live and let live is good advice, but you cannot put that in an order of court.

Prosecuting barrister at the Old Bailey: Was your daughter married after you? Defending barrister: Daughters usually are. Prosecuting barrister: My friend is very smart. I meant your bigamous marriage.

In the club a man was holding the attention of a small knot of men by announcing the fact that he could tell any brand of spirit by just tasting it.

Several glasses of different spirits were put before him, and each time he gave the correct answer.

Then suddenly a youthful member offered him a glass containing a liquid and asked him to taste it.

"Good heavens, you idiot!" shrieked the other, after the first "That's petrol!"

"I know," came the able answer, "but what is it?"



DETENTION OF TWO  
CHINESE.MR. M. K. LO PROTESTS  
AGAINST PROCEDURE.

## POLICE OVER-RIDDEN?

A rising out of the detention of two-fokis of the Tai Tung Distillery, Mr. M. K. Lo appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning to make a protest to the Magistrate against the steps taken by the Imports and Exports Department.

Mr. Lo mentioned that the Tai Tung Distillery figured recently in a Court case. Yesterday, he was instructed by the Manager that the accountant and the *see fook* (a skilled workman) were taken away in a motor car in the morning to the Imports and Exports Office.

His brother, Mr. Horace Lo, had tried yesterday, at about noon, to find out the reason for the detention and for that purpose went to see Mr. J. D. Lloyd, Superintendent of Imports and Exports Department but the latter preferred not to see Mr. Horace Lo, explaining to him that he was in the act of taking a statement.

In the afternoon, Mr. M. K. Lo himself tried to obtain some explanation from Mr. Lloyd. The conversation led to Mr. Lloyd declaring that the police had a right to detain any person for 48 hours. Mr. Lo said he had replied to Mr. Lloyd explaining that the Imports and Exports Office was not at all police and that they had no right to refuse the detained men the assistance of their legal advisers.

Continuing, Mr. Lo said he was anxious to bring the matter to the notice of the Magistrate, as he heard last night that the two men had been charged and that bail had been refused. He noticed that the two men were not before the Court.

Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins, who was present in Court on behalf of the Imports and Exports Office, was told by his Worship to enquire if it were true that the men had been charged last night, and, if so, to ascertain why they were not in Court.

Mr. Hawkins was absent from Court for a few minutes but later he returned with the information that the men had not been formally charged.

DONNING STOLEN  
TROUSERS.CHINESE THREE CAUGHT IN  
KOWLOON.

After gaining admittance to the first floor of No. 134, Tai Nam Street and collecting several articles of clothing, a Chinese was on the verge of making his escape when he was seen by a Chinese detective in the act of putting on one of the pair of trousers he had taken. He was promptly arrested.

On being questioned, he admitted that he had climbed up the drain pipe at the rear of No. 134, Tai Nam Street shortly before 3 o'clock this morning and gained an entrance to the floor by climbing through the kitchen window. After gathering together several articles of clothing, he opened the front door.

When charged with larceny of the clothing, before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, the defendant pleaded guilty.

Sub-Inspector F. Hoare told his Worship that the detective who was on duty flashed his torch up the stairway and saw the defendant putting on a pair of trousers. Defendant was challenged and on arresting him, the detective found several other articles lying on the landing.

The defendant, who had one previous conviction for stealing, was sentenced to four months' hard labour.

AMAH PROSECUTES  
COOLIE.THROWING STONES INTO  
BASEMENT.

An amah employed by Dr. J. E. Dovey was the complainant at the Magistrate's Court this morning, when she charged an unemployed house coolie with throwing stones into the basement of No. 1, Armand Buildings, to the danger of the inmates.

The defendant admitted the charge, but said he had intended to attract the attention of a friend in No. 2, but had accidentally thrown the stone into No. 1.

According to Inspector Ogg, the defendant was walking past the house and threw stones into the basement where the servants lived. This had occurred on previous occasions, but the defendant denied being responsible for any other incident. No reason could be given for his act.

A fine of \$15 was imposed.

HUGE HAUL OF  
CIGARETTES.OVER 50,000 FOUND ON A  
SAMPAN.

A large quantity of dutiable cigarettes was seized by revenue officers on board a sampan lying off Cheung Sha Wan early yesterday morning. The contraband goods were found concealed under the deck boards, wrapped in sacks.

Two seamen who were on the sampan at the time were arrested and brought before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, on charges of being in unlawful possession.

According to a certificate from the Imports and Exports Department, the seizure consisted of 29,000 "My Dear" brand and 24,900 "Three Star" brand cigarettes, the duty payable being slightly more than \$215.

In reply to the charge, the defendants said they were ordinary seamen on board, the master being away at the time of the raid. They knew that the cigarettes were on board, but did not know that the duty had not been paid.

A woman sitting at the back of the Court was pointed out as being the person who had put the contraband goods on the sampan.

The woman, when summoned before His Worship, denied all knowledge of the matter.

Revenue Officer Tallon, who prosecuted, said the second defendant had told the police, in a statement, after being charged, that the boat had just returned from Macao.

The first defendant, who at first stated that the cigarettes had been put on board at Yumai, now admitted that they had been brought from Macao.

Each defendant was fined \$300, with the alternative of three months' hard labour, his Worship taking into consideration the fact that they were not the principals in the smuggling.

## SHIPS HELD UP.

LOADLINE AND OTHER  
DEFECTS.

It is learned that action by the Harbour Department, in co-operation with the Government Marine Surveyors, has resulted in the holding up of no less than nine Chinese-owned vessels owing to discrepancies in loadline and passenger certificates.

The vessels involved are the *Tai-sze*, *Poo Lee*, *Shui Hing*, *Sun On*, *Wing Wo*, *Chung Hing*, *Sun An*, *Sun Sai Kai* and *Chuen Lee*. Clearance has been withheld until such time as these ships comply with local Ordinances to the satisfaction of the authorities.

Protests are being lodged, it is believed, by certain of the owners concerned, through the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs and the Colonial Secretariat, but no definite action has yet taken place.

Reports are to the effect that repairs to the *Tai-sze* are to be taken in hand at once, to fit her for the granting of a certificate both as to the load line and seaworthiness.

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"The reason I reserved judgment had nothing whatever to do with this alleged surprise; the fact of the matter being that it was very near half past six; it had been a long and trying day; and I thought it only fair to the prisoner that I should consider the sentence with a fresher mind than I had then."

## Sentence Passed.

His Lordship then passed sentence, addressing the prisoner as follows:

"You have been convicted by the jury, after a very careful trial, on evidence which I think fully justifies their verdict."

"I have said time after time that I consider these gang robberies to be one of the most dangerous features in the life of the Colony. When persons are convicted before me I think it my duty to inflict serious punishments."

"Ordinarily, when any cruelty is shown, or any inquiry inflicted, I direct accused to be flogged."

To the interpreter his Lordship said: "I see that he is a delicate person and that the doctor has, I think, reported he is not fit to receive such punishment. Under these circumstances I do not order him to be flogged but to receive five years' hard labour."

Major-General T. A. Cubitt will take over command of Aldershot Second Division on October 1 from Major-General Sir W. E. Ironside, who is leaving for India.

## MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

Fate of the Hongkong Male Voice  
Choir—Musical Festival in  
Shanghai—The Schubert  
Centenary.

[BY "ALLEGRO"]

A brief announcement in the papers the other day intimated that, owing to lack of support, the Hongkong Male Voice Choir has been disbanded and the stock of music handed to Mr. White as a token of appreciation of the time and work he had devoted to the choir. It is sad to see the closing down of a local musical institution such as the H.M.V. Choir.

The reasons for the lack of support are not known to me, but I believe a large number of the singers were recruited from the naval vessels in harbour and from the Naval Yard. I remember an excellent concert given by the Choir with a record number of singers in the Spring of 1927, under the direction of Mr. White, to which the Navy contributed solid support.

What has happened? Perhaps it is lack of interest on the part of the public which is the cause. It is a thankless task to put in a lot of team work in preparation for a concert and then find that the audience numbers hardly any more than the members of the choir itself; enough to quench the ardour of the most enthusiastic of singers, and quite enough to account for a diminution in membership. The meagre proportions of the audience were, I remember, a feature of the concert to which I referred above. Hongkong is a wonderful place for damping the enthusiasm of anyone with a zest for music.

So far, the only known effort in this Colony to celebrate the Schubert Centenary this November is Mr. Harry Orr's intention to give a Schubert recital, with vocalists, at the City Hall. In Shanghai, a very enterprising step has been taken by the British Women's Association, of which the Musical Branch has done much the same for the cause of amateur music as the Seelie Committee of the Helena May Institute here. They have organised a Schubert Festival, similar to the Festival held throughout Britain, with competitions for all types of amateur performers. It is hoped there will be quite 200 entrants, of all nationalities. The judges include Maestro Puci and Mr. O. M. Green, and in order to guarantee absolute impartiality, two "outside" judges have been invited to attend. One of them hails from the North and the other is none other than our local celebrity, Mr. Harry Orr himself, whose joy at the honour conferred upon him, not to mention his complete altered character of the compositions on which he is engaged! It is impossible to write "Orphan's Lullaby" and "Requiem" in minor keys with such an even, to look forward to! His departure for Shanghai will necessitate the Schubert Concert being held here a week or so earlier than the actual anniversary, which is on Nov. 19th.

Everyone knows about the Schubert Centenary, as the Gramophone Companies have made a

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FROM HOSPITAL TO  
GAOL.SEQUEL TO EARLY MORNING  
PROWL.

An incident which occurred a month ago was recalled at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, when a Chinese was charged with being found on the first floor of No. 117, Woosung Street with intent to commit a felony at 2 a.m. on July 23.

The defendant was stated to have been seen by an inmate of the premises to crawl out from under a bed at 2 o'clock on the morning of July 23. The defendant rushed into the kitchen, and, seeing the inmate close on his heels, dived through the window and fell into the back street.

Before he could recover, he was arrested by a Chinese constable. He was taken to hospital and remained there until yesterday, when he was discharged.

The defendant had one previous conviction for larceny. Sentence of three months' hard labour was passed.

WRONG MAN  
ARRESTED.

## ECHO OF VAN LAER CASE.

Following the arrest of Mr. J. W. H. Van Laer, of Singapore, in Hongkong, news came from Singapore, news came from Colombo that the police of that port arrested a Mr. Van Laer, a commercial magnate of Saigon, and Switzerland, on board the steamer *Paul Leat*, thinking he was the man mentioned in the telegram sent by the Singapore police.

The Colombo correspondent of the *Pingy Gazette* states that Mr. Van Laer was brought ashore with his luggage, and another telegram then arrived from Singapore stating that the wanted man had been arrested at Hongkong. The Colombo police immediately released Mr. Van Laer who returned aboard the *Paul Leat*, the departure of which was consequently delayed.

It will be recalled that the proceedings in Hongkong against Mr. J. W. H. Van Laer were withdrawn recently when he stated that he was willing to return to Singapore to face the charge of alleged criminal breach of trust.

WOMAN CORRECTS  
COUNTY COUNCIL.MISTAKE ABOUT BABY SHE  
HAD NOT HAD.

Members of Leicestershire County Council laughed recently when a letter was read which had been sent by a woman who had been asked why she did not notify the birth of a son.

"I am sorry if there has been any neglect on my part," she wrote, "but it was news to me that I had a son born on March 6."

"I have two daughters, one born in 1887 and another in 1897, but I have never had a son, and do not think it likely now, as I am 63. Should this occur, however, you shall be notified immediately."

Registrar Friend, at Clerkenwell County Court, described a foreman bricklayer as "The gentleman who sees that the men knock off sharp to time."

CHINESE WORLD  
CRUISE.NOVEL TRIP TO START FROM  
HONGKONG.

## GOODWILL CRUSADE.

A round-the-world cruiser, starting from Hongkong, is being planned for the benefit of Chinese merchants, students and tourists. Sometime next year, when the details will have been worked out and perfected, a liner of not less than 15,000 tons will leave here with some 400 Chinese passengers engaged on a crusade of goodwill to the chief places of interest in Asia, Europe and America. By the time the circumnavigational trip is completed, it is expected that some of the points of Chinese civilization will have been diffused over a large area of the globe, while, in return, those on board will have imbibed much that is worth knowing as regards the customs and civilization of places outside China.

The scheme has been worked out on the most attractive lines. The main feature is the division of the travellers into three departments—those with wares to advertise and sell to foreign countries, those who desire to extend their school and college education by an instructive tour to the chief places of world interest, and those who will travel for the sake of the pleasure it gives. For the party, accommodation on a comfortable scale will be sought on a suitable liner, while space will also be provided for the exhibition of samples, goods, and objects d'art representative of Chinese culture, both ancient and modern, which it is proposed to carry as part of the propaganda.

An enterprise such as that envisaged by the promoters of this Chinese round-the-world cruise, necessarily entails time and labour, but with the support already extended or promised by the leading officials and merchants of Canton, it is confidently expected that before next June the plans will have been perfected and a start made on the trip.

Mr. J. Garçon Gonzales de Bernedo, Consul for Guatemala in Hongkong, who has conceived this idea of organising a world-cruise Chinese party, is most enthusiastic on the subject. He is confident of its being highly successful from all points of view. Amongst many well-known Chinese personalities whose support has been secured for the enterprise is Mr. Tse Ying-pak, the Canton labour leader who figured prominently in Canton politics during the regime of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen. Mr. Tse Ying-pak is now a lawyer, practising in Canton, but he still retains his association and influence with the Chinese press of that city.

Elsewhere in this issue is published a report of a dinner which the promoters gave last night to Mr. Tse Ying-pak.

## HIT WITH CHOPPER.

SHIP'S COOK SENTENCED AT  
KOWLOON.

A quarrel over money matters between two cooks on board the s.s. *Harunda* had its sequel at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning when one of the men was charged with assaulting the other with a chopper.

The defendant pleaded that the complainant had struck him first with his fist. He then picked up a chopper and hit the complainant.

Inspector Ogg said the defendant owed the complainant some money and it was when the latter demanded the repayment of this sum that the quarrel arose. According to the medical certificate, the complainant was not seriously injured. His Worship told the defendant that even if he had been struck first, he had no right to use a chopper.

The defendant was fined \$25, while both parties were bound over on personal bonds to be of good behaviour for one year.

## RUBBER AND MINING.

FIVE COMPANIES DECLARE  
DIVIDENDS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have been advised of the following dividends on rubber and mining shares:—  
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Austral Malay, 1/-  
Nyalas Rubber Estates, Ltd, 5%.  
Parit Perak, 5% Int.  
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co. 1/-

His Highness Abdul Hussein Fay Mourache, Minister of the Court of the Shah of Persia, recently laid a wreath at the Cenotaph in Whitehall.

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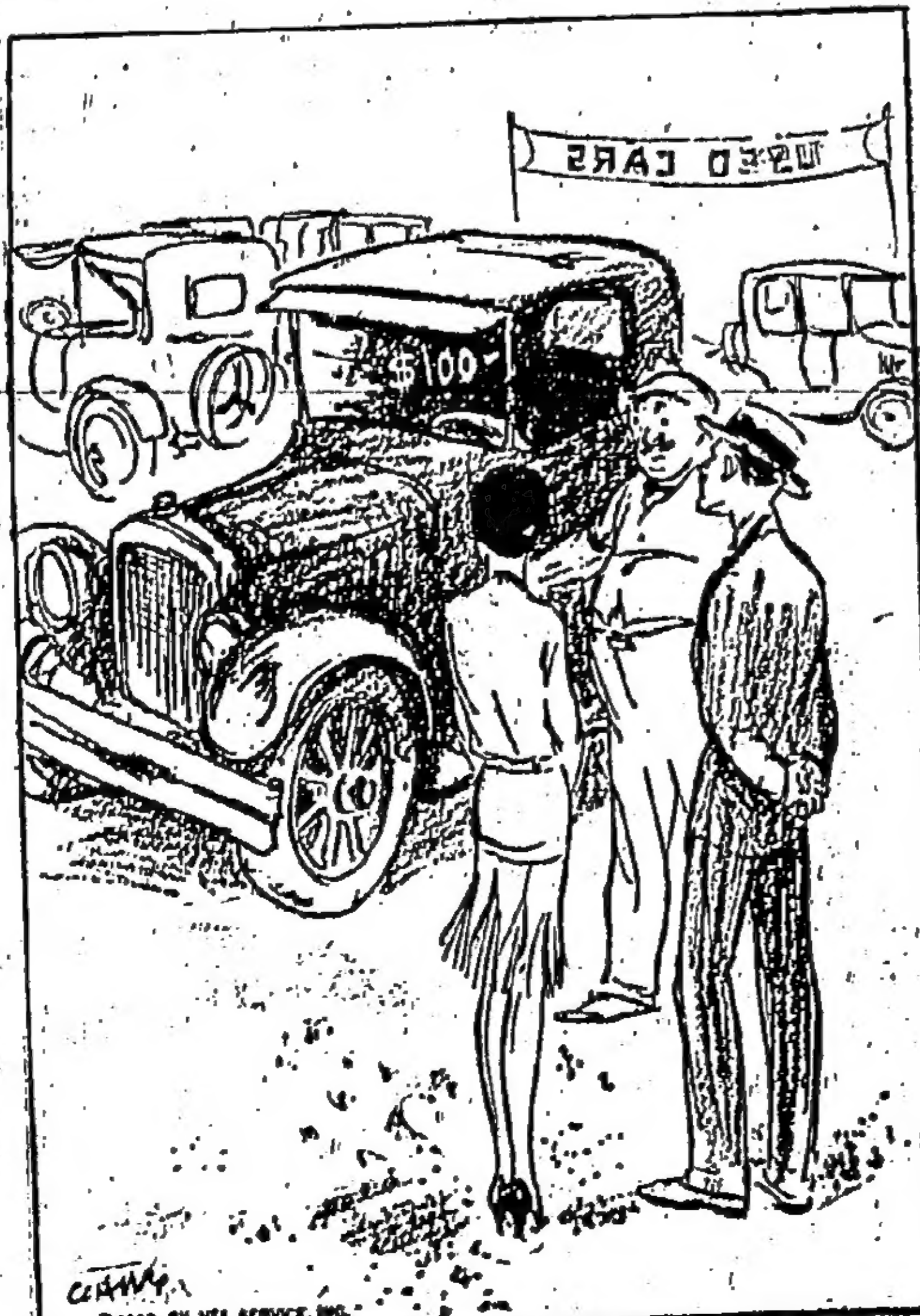
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## MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

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special feature of producing his works this year and for the first time many of the public have been made familiar with his chief works. The following interesting biographical note is taken from *Well's Handbook of Music and Musicians*:

Schubert, Franz Peter, born at Lichtenthal, Jan. 31, 1797; died at Vienna, Nov. 19th, 1828. Composer of vocal and instrumental music. For the foundation of his general education he was indebted to his father; but the beauty of his voice attracted so much attention that he was received into the choir of the Imperial Chapel. For five years he was taught to sing and to play the violin. No attempt seems to have been made to teach him composition, but he was supplied with music paper, and thenceforward he wrote incessantly, as his fancy dictated, without any help whatever, always carefully signing and dating his MSS., which extend as far back as 1810. In 1815 he composed two symphonies, five operas, and no less than 137 songs (67 of which have been published), besides many important pieces. Count Johann Esterhazy, in 1818, secured Schubert's services as resident teacher of music to his daughters. The appointment was of great importance to him, yet it led to no permanent improvement in his prospects. His life appears to have been one long series of disappointments. Of his greater operas, not one was placed upon the stage during his lifetime. With his songs he had better luck; many of them were published, and their fresh, bright and melodious music proved irresistible. Among his MSS., seven or eight may be found dated the same day; yet even in such cases he never repeated himself—he had a new inspiration for each production. The original MS. of *Hark! hark! the Lark* was written at a beer-garden, on the bank of a hill of firs. His greatest dramatic work, *Fuhrman*, was a commission from the Court Theatre at Vienna. It was rejected on account of the weakness of its libretto. Of his ten symphonies, not one made its mark during his lifetime, but each one carries the stamp of genius. The greatest and longest is the one in C Major (recently recorded by H.M.V. and Columbia). His best-known works are *Requiem*, *Die Song of Miriam*, and his *Unfinished Symphony*. His masses are much sung by both Roman and Anglican choirs.

The best Victor records to hand are (1) a piano one by Harold Bauer, playing *Liszt's Study in D flat* and *In the Night* by Schumann. I cannot trace the latter piece by that name and if any reader can enlighten me as to the set of pieces in which it appears, I shall be obliged. It is not the famous *Nachtstuck*, which portrays a calm and serene night; the present solo seems to represent one of the most restless nights it is possible to conceive. (2) A 10-inch violin record by Heifitz, playing two dainty solos with his accustomed perfect execution. One would wish that some of the attractive operatic records from "La Traviata," "Lohengrin," "Rigoletto," "Romeo and Juliet," "La Tosca," and "Pagliacci," appearing in the H.M.V. catalogue, had been included in the month's batch received here. The same remark applies to the Backhaus record, the "Show Boat" numbers and Noel Coward's baritone records of songs from his own revue "This Year of Grace." Of those to hand, the Symphony in G minor will be welcomed by Mozart lovers and the airs sung by Peter Dawson by Handel worshippers. Of the Mozart Symphony, the catalogue states:

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## PLOT TO SMUGGLE CHINESE.

### REVELATIONS MADE AT A SINGAPORE TRIAL. STOWAWAYS TO U.S.

Details were disclosed before the Second Police Magistrate (Mr. W. N. Gourlay) at Singapore last week of a scheme to smuggle Chinese into America from Singapore which was revealed recently when 12 Chinese stowaways were discovered at Port Said on the America-bound steamer Chinese Prince.

When the men were returned to Singapore by the Port Said authorities, they tried to get back from the person who was alleged to have arranged their passage to America, the money they had paid. When this was refused some of them revealed the scheme to the local police. One of these men was soon afterwards produced as a witness in the Second Court in a prosecution against Wong Ting Soo, a Sage Street Chinese, and his clerk, on charges of cheating, and abetment of the offence of stowing away on a vessel. The witness, however, denied all knowledge of the affair, and the case was adjourned to allow of the police getting into communication with some of the other stowaways. This, it was revealed when the case against Wong Ting Soo was called, they had been able to do in the case of only one of the eleven men. The case against Wong Ting Soo's clerk was withdrawn.

In reply to the Deputy Public Prosecutor (Mr. N. H. P. Whitley) the stowaway stated that with eleven others he came from China to Singapore to meet the accused, who, he had been told in China, could arrange the passage of Chinese into America. Out of a sum of \$360 which witness had brought with him he paid the accused \$300, and spent the balance in clothes and other necessities for the voyage. They were taken on board to a small room in the bowels of the ship, and remained there until the vessel reached Port Said, when, unable any more to bear the close confinement, darkness, and heat, they gave themselves up and were sent back to Singapore.

**Return of Money Refused.**

In reply to Mr. K. A. Seth (defending) witness said that before he left he was assured by the accused that if he failed to arrive in the United States his money would be returned. That was why, when he was sent back to Singapore, he went to the accused. But the accused refused to pay.

Counsel: Where are the other stowaways?

Witness: They have all gone back to China. They also were not able to obtain a return of their money, and have paid their passage back to China from money got by pawning the clothes they had bought for the passage to America.

What are you doing here?—I am working as a cook for a detective officer.

A European?—Yes. He lives in Robinson Road.

Detective Inspector Dixon stated that when the Chinese Prince passed through Singapore a week ago he took the last witness on board, and the latter recognised the captain and the only remaining member of the former crew as persons on the vessel on which he had stowed away. The room in which he was confined he indicated as being far aft, and low down.

Mr. Whitley: He is employed as a cook now by one of the European detective officers?—Yes. We were trying to get into touch with one of the stowaways. The first man denied all knowledge of the affair, and when we found the last witness a cook happened to be wanted by Mr. Poulain, so he got the job.

Can he cook?—Very well.

You have sampled his cooking?—As recently as last night.

**A Letter from New York.**

Proceeding, Detective Inspector Dixon stated that the last witness took him to a Sage Street house and pointed out the accused as the person who had arranged to smuggle him to America. In accused's house, which consisted of a first floor, part of which was used to provide sleeping accommodation, witness found agreements between the accused and persons to be smuggled. They were for the payment of loans advanced to stowaways, which were to be collected in America. Witness also found the following letter:

"To Wong Ting Soo, Singapore. From Boy Slak Yew of New York City—I have received your letter stating that some more will be coming here. I would like you to know that at the present time there is a constant change of new customs officials on guard at the wharves. The old officers are no more on duty for many of them were wounded by runaway Chinese who

## EX-ENEMIES & CLUBS.

### SINGAPORE CRICKET CLUB PROPOSAL.

The question of admitting Germans and other citizens of enemy countries is again to be brought up at the annual meeting of the Singapore Cricket Club. It will be proposed to delete the present rules excluding them and to add a rule stating that "any member who is by birth or naturalisation the subject of a state at war with Great Britain shall upon the outbreak of war cease to be a member of the club."

The question of admitting subjects of ex-enemy countries has been raised at previous annual meetings but has met with opposition. It is understood that, with the passage of time, the opposition then expressed no longer exists.

Measures to ensure that the management of the club remains in British hands will be proposed in two rules setting forth that no foreign subject or naturalised British subject becoming a member of the club after August 31, 1928, shall be eligible for membership of the committee or be entitled to vote at any meeting.

## LOCAL BASEBALL.

### CHINA SCOUTS OVERWHELM ST. JOSEPH'S TEAM.

The second league game between South China Scouts and St. Joseph's was a poor affair with the Scouts on top throughout. St. Joseph's were weak in the field and the Scouts were quick to take advantage. The result was a win for the Scouts by 13 to 3.

St. Joseph's opened with a run in the first and the Scouts were blanked. St. Joseph's then played four point-less innings, while the Scouts notched five at their second visit, a single in the third, another five in the fourth, and one in the fifth.

St. Joseph's got a single in the sixth, but the Scouts cancelled this out in return by a home run through Chan Yee-tung. St. Joseph's went to bat for the last time with a deficit of 11 but could do no more than a single and the game ended as stated. Messrs. Hollands and Shim were the umpires.

## THE LAWN BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP.

### THREE MORE MATCHES DECIDED.

Good progress is being made with the Lawn Bowls Championship of the Colony, and of the last eight players still in the competition only one pair has to play off, namely, Messrs. Horbin and Gibson. These will meet during the present week, if weather conditions permit, and the semi-finals will then be ready for decision.

Results of the latest ties played off are as follows:

J. Ferguson beat J. C. Brown, 22-5.

R. Duncan beat W. Macfarlane, 21-11.

A. R. Clarke beat J. O. McLagan, 21-8.

Attacked by a cockerel in a farmyard at Wona, Czechoslovakia, an 18-months-old child received fatal injuries.

were trying to pass the Customs barrier secretly. The Customs officers are very strict now, so that there will be no one to get them through obstacles. Better wait till things become more normal. Be careful not to give my name to anyone coming here. Write my name in letters only. The two loan agreements of Leong Wah Chen and Leong Choong Low reached me. I have tried many times to collect your money for you but have been unsuccessful. They have up to now only \$145 (American Dollars). After deducting my expenses you will receive \$65 (American). Your share will be sent to you by registered post. (\$110.65 Straits Currency). You also stated previously that you have some more bills to collect from here. I will be glad to collect for you. Always send me the address of your debtors, and their loan agreements. Please address me as Boy Slak Slan."

Another letter produced was as follows:

"To my brothers in New York City—I am now idle at home, unable to support my parents. In our village home (in China) I heard that in Singapore there is a man named Wong Ting Soo, who fills up vacancies in America and in New York."

The letter went on to say that, having obtained the necessary cash from relatives in China, the writer had arrived in Singapore and was waiting for a Prince line vessel to convey him to America.

The further hearing was adjourned, the D.P.P. withdrawing the charge of cheating.

## HONGKONG BANK'S APPEAL.

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1926, however, the defendant company began to fail to meet its obligations to the complainants, under this, or other, credit arrangements, and, by November, the bank took the matter up, and went and inspected the godown of the accused, in accordance with the terms of the trust receipts; it was then found that part of the goods covered by the trust receipts, dated respectively June 18, July 6 and 19, August 7 and 20, September 23, October 13 and 27 and November 4, were missing, whereupon the bank demanded immediate payment. The defendant company, however, was no longer able to pay all at once, and asked for an extension of the credits, promising to pay the whole debt when the company would be replenished with fresh capital, which they were then trying to get. This, however, did not materialize, and the company went into liquidation in March, 1927.

### Bank's Enquiries.

"In the meantime, the bank made certain inquiries, and found out that some of these missing goods, covered by the trust receipts, had been sold by the defendant company, but the proceeds of such sales were never paid to the bank, hence the present action.

The question now to be decided is whether, according to the existing law of China, facts will warrant a conviction on either of the two alternate charges preferred by the complainants.

### Ownership of the Property.

"It is plainly clear by Article 391 that any property belonging to another person, may be the object of misappropriation, irrespective of whether the right to the property is that of ownership, pledge, or other right in rem, or whether the property came into the possession of the alleged offender by virtue of law, contract, or through the management of the affairs of others, but in Chinese law there is one condition necessary to establish this kind of offence, and this condition is that the alleged offender must not be, himself, the owner of the property which is the object of the alleged misappropriation.

### Not Proved.

"It has not been proved, beyond doubt, that a right of ownership has been created by such an ambiguous transaction. You cannot be owner and mortgagee at the same time. I therefore fail to see that the complainants have proved that they are the bona fide owners of the goods covered by the trust receipts, and the fact that it is stipulated in such trust receipts that the proceeds of the sale of

## NAVY AGREEMENT BOMBSHELL.

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that Franco favoured the limitation of light craft from the viewpoint of aggregate tonnage, while Great Britain desired limitation by classes. A mean solution between these contentions was reached. Each country, since the outset of the negotiations, emphasized its special maritime naval conditions. France emphasized the necessity of ensuring security for her colonies, particularly communications with North Africa, for which she requires small submarines and contends that they should not be subjected to limitation.

This contention does not apply to high-powered submarines with an extensive cruising radius.

In big tonnage France also requires surface ships under ten thousand tons to ensure rapid communication with her colonies and to defend her coasts. These vessels should not be limited as their armament is purely defensive, but cruisers and other light-craft better armed for attack should be limited according to the British viewpoint.

These are two very important points whereon the compromise is established.—Reuter.

such goods shall be applied to the retirement of the drafts, for which the goods are pledged, as collateral security, tends to increase my hesitation. That being so, the relationship between the parties in the present case cannot be other than that of creditors and debtors, and, as such, no criminal liability can lie, when a debtor fails to fulfil his obligations.

### Breach of Contract.

"The generic term of the offence is fraud, and the central notion of this kind of offence is the fraudulent mismanagement of the affairs of another to the detriment of his interest. Misappropriation is quite another kind of crime. There must be fraudulent intent: that is most essential in this kind of complaint, and, therefore, I am inclined to think that, although there has been a breach of contract on the part of the accused in this case, which, in itself, is, of course, very deplorable from the point of view of commercial probity, it has, nevertheless, constituted only a civil liability, but not a criminal liability, and, therefore, the accused are acquitted of the charge made against them."

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## FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

## MR. CHU CHAO-HSIN'S SPEECH ON ASSUMING OFFICE.

The Canton Foreign Office is in receipt of a despatch from the private secretary of Dr. Chu Chao-hsin, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Nationalist Government and concurrently Commissioner for Foreign Affairs of Kwangtung, stating that the Vice-Minister has formally assumed office on the third of the present month. The inaugural ceremonies were brief but imposing. Many high Government officials were present including Dr. C. T. Wang, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Mr. T. V. Soong, the Minister of Finance. After the oath was taken and the usual recitation of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen's political will and testament and the substance before his picture, Vice-Minister Chu gave a speech which was, in part, as follows:

## The Great Principle.

"I am glad to be able to be here and join hand in hand with you in the work for the salvation of our country, in spite of the great distance which had to be traversed in getting here. The greatest piece of work before us now is, as has been eloquently pointed out by Minister C. T. Wang in repetition of what our tongue had said time and again, 'the abrogation of all the obsolete and unilateral treaties.' I have always championed this sort of principle. When I was China's chief delegate to the League of Nations at Geneva three years ago, I often argued with the delegates of other lands over the necessity of abrogating all such unequal instruments and the conclusion of new ones based on justice and reciprocity in their stead. As a diplomat I was duty-bound to fight for China's rights. I didn't give a snap about the dying Peking Government and its orders; I went about and did things according to the dictates of my conscience guided of course by public opinion. When Chang Tso-lin was making himself Generalissimo a year ago at Peking, I was advised to send him a congratulatory message, but I would not do it, for to do so would be contrary to the principles for which I had been vindicating."

## A Natural Leader.

I have the greatest confidence in Dr. C. T. Wang as Foreign Minister of the Nationalist Government; he is a natural leader. When he and I were studying together in the United States, he was a leader among the students. When he returned to China, he became the speaker of the Parliament and was a leader in parliamentary affairs. He is now Minister of Foreign Affairs and is unquestionably the leader of China's diplomacy. I should be glad to co-operate with him and help him in every way in the realization of the established policy of the Nationalist Government. Dr. Wang is the man of the hour.

"I have been in charge of the foreign affairs of Kwangtung for about a year now. The thing which I did which gave me the greatest pleasure was the unconditional way in which Great Britain returned its old Canton Consulate to us in February of this year. The French Government is similarly returning to us its old Consulate in Canton. The two Consulate premises are very spacious and situated in the centre of Canton. These things gave me considerable pleasure and encouragement in my management of the foreign affairs of the province of Kwangtung."

"I am a native of Kwangtung and love to serve my province. Though situated in a far distant corner of China, yet the foreign affairs of my province are by no means unimportant. They are among the most important of any province throughout the length and breadth of China."

"In conclusion I wish to stress the importance of breaking down and rectifying the past diplomatic errors and bad habits and follow Minister Wang in his work for the welfare and enlightenment of the people of China."

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## THEFT OF RICE.

## A COOLIE CHARGED.

The theft of rice from ships holds was stated in a case before Major C. Willson yesterday, to have been perfected into a system on the boats running between Hongkong and Kongmoon.

A coolie was charged with stealing a quantity of rice from the s.s. On Lee, owned and operated by the Yu Lee Steamship Company, it being alleged that this was extracted from a cargo of 382 bags shipped to Kongmoon on the 13th instant.

Mr. Horace Lo prosecuted on behalf of the shipping company, while the defendant was represented by Mr. C.A.S. Russ.

At the outset of his remarks, Mr. Lo said that consignees of rice-cargoes at Kongmoon had repeatedly made complaints to the ship-owners about shortage in weight, and it had been an extremely difficult matter to discover the culprits who were responsible for that shortage. Rifling appeared to have been perfected into a system, but it was possible to discover the method by which this rice was drawn from the bags.

Holding up a piece of bamboo piping, Mr. Lo demonstrated how by inserting the sharp end into a sack of rice, the grain was drained through the hollow interior into any handy receptacle. The fabric of the sack would then be straightened out, and the bag, now considerably depleted, would be added back into the normal shape. The result was that the consignee when he took delivery, would not have noticed anything wrong with the rice until he weighed it.

## Easily Identifiable.

On the 13th instant, the s.s. On Lee sailed from Hongkong with 382 bags of rice, which was unpollished and of mixed character, and which Mr. Lo said he understood was to be used for the manufacture of Chinese wine. It was, therefore, of a distinctive character and easily identifiable with the rice found in the possession of the defendant.

On the following day, the On Lee arrived at Kongmoon, when it was seen that a hurried attempt was being made to land two bags of rice. Two coolies were taking it on to the wharf, accompanied by a man named Ho Kong, a runner who had been three months on the ship.

When questioned by the assistant procurator of the ship, Ho Kong at first said the rice was his, but pressed, later went back on his statement and admitted that it belonged to another man, that being the defendant.

The position of the defendant on the ship was defined as that of a caterer, but his presence on board was principally due to a practice which allowed a head-coolie to place aboard with each batch of cargo-hands, an individual who was to look after those coolies.

The practice was one which did not meet with the approval of the shipowners and the presence of this man on board was certainly not welcomed by them.

## Unsatisfactory Replies.

Be that as it may, defendant was the man put aboard by the head coolie in the present instance, and when he came to the assistant procurator to claim the two bags of rice, which had been taken back on board, he was in turn questioned as to the origin of the rice. He then claimed to have bought it from Chang To, a name which Mr. Lo commented, was rather dreaded by shipowners. Chang To was a head-coolie, and in that position was known to have caused a considerable lot of trouble and was capable of creating more of it.

Particulars given by the defendant as to his purchase of the rice were unsatisfactory, and he was arrested and charged when the ship returned to Hongkong. The man Ho Kong, who was also charged, was eventually released on his giving certain information against the defendant.

In regard to the question of the jurisdiction of the Court over the case, Mr. Horace Lo quoted an authority and said that his Worship had jurisdiction to try any case of larceny which was committed on a British ship in any waters.

Evidence was taken from a tally-man of the ship, after which the case was adjourned.

## U. S. AND EGYPT.

## NO ULTERIOR MOTIVE.

Washington, Aug. 22. The State Department interviewed by *Reuter* ridiculed the idea that the American negotiations for a treaty with Egypt were initiated with an ulterior motive. The officials pointed out that Egypt was the thirteenth nation to which such a treaty had been offered and that the proposed treaty was in strict accordance with the American policy of revising existing treaties, including conventions with countries where the United States has not already had treaties. The clause excluding disputes involving a third party were the same as appeared in all revised treaties and had no special significance whatever for Egypt.—*Reuter*.



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## THE STORY THUS FAR

Spotswoode had gone out with the "Canary" the evening of the murder. When he left, he asked Jessup, on the switchboard, to call a cab. "Then," said Jessup, "we heard Miss Odell scream. We ran to her door and she called through it that everything was all right." But the next morning he was found strangled. Cleaver, known to be an intimate of the girl, is questioned but provides an alibi. He mentions Dr. Lindquist, who orders Markham out of his house when the latter questions him as to his whereabouts the evening of the murder.

## CHAPTER XIX.

Vance shook his head in a mock discouragement.

"Really," he knew, Markham, old thing," he added, "you should study the criminal indications of your fellow men more carefully. Did you, by any chance, note the gentleman's wide rectangular forehead, his irregular eyebrows, and his pale luminous eyes, and his outstanding ears with their thin upper rims, their pointed third and split lobes? ... A clever devil, this Ambrose, but a moral imbecile. Beware of those pseudo-pyrrhic faces, Markham; leave their Apollonian Greek suggestiveness to mislead your women."

"I wonder what he really knows?" grumbled Markham irritably.

"Oh, he knows something—rest assured of that! And if only we knew it, too, we'd be considerably further along in the investigation. Furthermore, the information he is hiding is somewhat unpleasantly connected with himself. His euphoria is a bit shaken. He frightfully overdid the grand manner; his valdely fulminating was the true expression of his feeling toward us."

"Yes," agreed Markham. "That question about last night acted like a petard. What prompted you to suggest my asking it?"

"A number of things—his gratuitous and obviously mendacious statement that he had just read of the murder; his wholly insincere homily on the sacredness of professional confidences; the cautious and Pecksniffian confession of his fatherly regard for the girl; his elaborate struggle to remember when he had last seen her—this particularly, I think, made me suspicious; and then, the psychopathic indications of his physiognomy."

"Well," admitted Markham, "the question had its effect. ... I feel that I shall see this fashionable M. D. again."

"You will," iterated Vance. "We took him unawares. But

when he has had time to ponder the matter and concoct an appealing tale, he'll become downright garrulous. Anyhow, the evening is over, and you can meditate on buttecreeps till the morrow."

But the evening was not quite over as far as the Odell case was concerned. We had been back in the lounge-room of the club but a short time when a man walked by the corner in which we sat, and bowed with formal courtesy to Markham. Markham, to my surprise, rose and greeted him, at the same time indicating a chair.

"There's something further I wanted to ask you, Mr. Spotswoode," he said, "if you can spare a moment."

At the mention of the name I regarded the man closely, for, I confess, I was not a little curious about the anonymous escort who had taken the girl to dinner and the theatre the night before.

Spotswoode was a typical New England aristocrat, inflexible, slow in his movements, reserved, and quietly but modestly dressed. His hair and moustache were slightly grey—which, no doubt, enhanced the pinkness of his complexion. He was just under six feet tall, and well proportioned, but a trifle angular.

Markham introduced him to Vance and me, and briefly explained that we were working with him on the case, and that he had thought it best to take us fully into his confidence.

Spotswoode gave him a dubious look, but immediately bowed his acceptance of the decision.

"I'm in your hands, Mr. Markham," he replied, in a well-bred, but somewhat high-pitched voice, "and I concur, of course, with whatever you think advisable."

He turned to Vance with an apologetic smile. "I'm in a rather unpleasant position, and naturally feel a little sensitive about it."

"I'm something of an antinomian," Vance pleasantly informed him. "At any rate, I'm not a moralist; so my attitude in the matter is quite academic."

Spotswoode laughed softly. "I wish my family held a similar point of view; but I'm afraid they would not be so tolerant of my foibles."

"It's only fair to tell you, Mr. Spotswoode," interposed Markham, "that there is a bare possibility I may have to call you as a witness."

The man looked up quickly, his face clouding over, but he made no comment.

"The fact is," continued Markham, "we are about to make an arrest, and your testimony may be needed to establish the time of Miss Odell's return to her apartment, and also to substantiate the fact that there was presumably some one in her rooms after you had left. Her screams and calls for help, which you heard, may prove vital evidence in obtaining a conviction."

Spotswoode seemed rather appalled at the thought of his relations with the girl becoming public, and for several minutes he sat with averted eyes.

"I see your point," he acknowledged at length. "But it would be a terrible thing for me if the fact of my delinquencies became known."

who, I understand, was Miss Odell's personal physician?" Spotswoode was frankly puzzled. "I never heard the name," he answered. "In fact, Miss Odell never mentioned any doctor to me."

"And did you ever hear her mention the name of Skeel ... or refer to any one as Tony?" "Never." His answer was emphatic.

Markham lapsed into a disappointed silence. Spotswoode, too, was silent; he sat as if in a reverie.

"You know, Mr. Markham," he said, after several minutes, "I ought to be ashamed to admit it, but the truth is I cared a good deal for the girl. I suppose you've kept her apartment intact."

He hesitated, and a look almost of appeal came into his eyes. "I'd like to see it again if I could."

Markham regarded him sympathetically, but finally shook his head. "It wouldn't do. You'd be sure to be recognized by the operator—or there might be a reporter about—and then I'd be unable to keep you out of the case."

The man appeared disappointed, but did not protest; and for several minutes no one spoke. Then Vance raised himself slightly in his chair.

"I say, Mr. Spotswoode, do you happen to remember anything unusual occurring last night during the half-hour you remained with Miss Odell after the theatre?"

"Unusual?" The man's manner was eloquent of his astonishment. "To the contrary. We chatted a while, and then, as she seemed tired, I said good night and came away, making a luncheon appointment with her for today."

"And yet, it now seems fairly certain that some other man was hiding in the apartment when you were there."

"There's little doubt on that point," agreed Spotswoode, with the suggestion of a shudder. "And her screams would seem to indicate that he came forth from hiding a few minutes after I went."

"And you had no suspicion of the fact when you heard her call for help?"

"I did at first—naturally. But when she assured me that nothing was the matter, and told me to go home, I attributed her screams to a nightmare."

"I knew she had been tired, and I had left her in the wicker chair near the door, from where her screams seemed to come; so I naturally concluded she had dozed off and called out in her sleep."

"It only I hadn't taken so much for granted!"

"It's a harrowing situation," Vance was silent for a while; then he asked: "Did you, by any chance, notice the door of the living-room closet? Was it open or closed?"

Spotswoode frowned, as if attempting to visualize the picture; but the result was a failure.

## THE SAVIDGE CASE.

### PEERS AND CONCLUSIONS OF INQUIRY.

Westminster, July 27.

It was natural that the House of Lords should desire to consider the Savidge affair, but it is unfortunate that the opportunity has come so late. The blight of futility that lies in wait for Parliamentary discussions that are no longer topical lay heavily on the debate opened by Lord Arnold to-day.

Like a theatre army that marches many times across the stage to hide its smallness, the Socialist Peers talk on and on to atone for their numerical insignificance. Lord Arnold used up nearly an hour, as he did last week when Safeguarding was the subject.

The King's Garden Party had left him an audience of eighteen, which for one great culminating moment swelled to twenty-two.

Lord Arnold's acceptance of the minority report issued by Mr. Lees Smith on the Savidge case was not merely cordial, but positively eager. It would, indeed, have been a painful predicament if Lord Arnold's judgment had obliged him to prefer the other report, because he and Mr. Smith share the same house in Hampstead Garden Suburb.

"Mr. Lees Smith is not a fool," he announced with scorching emphasis, but what he considers Sir John Bankes and Mr. Withers to be was wrapped up in silence. Lord Arnold's condemnation of the Police procedure was sharp, and the Public Prosecutor's position, if the Socialist Peer had jurisdiction, would be worth less than a barrister's first brief.

Majority Findings. The Marquess of Reading spoke for everyone when he confessed himself "a little troubled to understand the purpose of many of the observations that have been made."

Summing up the relevant facts with the facility one would expect of a former Lord Chief Justice, Lord Reading pinned his faith to the majority findings of the tribunal and to the opinions of a President noted when on the bench for "his judicious fairness and balance."

The Earl of Birkenhead, denouncing for the Lord Chancellor, had been deeply sunk on the Woolpack and yielding to the obtundity of Lord Arnold's discourse had even put his feet on an adjacent divan. But now casting off luxuriousness, he advanced to the Treasury Box in the highest fettle.

Describing Mr. Lees Smith as "the comparatively inexperienced minority," Lord Birkenhead rejected that Commissioner's conclusions as thoroughly as he endorsed the Magistrate's decision before whom the Hyde Park case was tried.

Sir Leo Money and Miss Savidge, however, suggested the ex-Lord Chancellor, in defending the police constables who arrested them, had rather invited misunderstanding by the "somewhat unusual and almost Bohemian circumstances" in which they had been described.

"Do not delude yourselves," said Lord Birkenhead to a solemn House. "There is no park in Europe in which so much indecorum can be witnessed nightly, and the police have an incomparably difficult and delicate task in correcting it."

## SHARE PRICES.

### TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

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Shell Trans., 110/- b.  
Union Waterboats, \$201 b.

#### Mining.

Benguet, \$215 b.  
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S'hai Exploration, Tls. 2.45 n.  
Rauha, \$4.35 b.  
Trenols, 17/6 n.

#### Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$1341 b.  
Whampoa Docks, \$37 n.  
China Prospects, \$5.40 n.  
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#### Cottons.

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Realities, 7/1 s.

#### Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$24.30 b.  
Peak Trams, (old) \$13 b.  
Star Forries, \$64.50 n.  
China Lights, (Old) \$11.80 b.  
H. K. Electric, \$492 a.  
Macao Electric, \$261 b.  
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#### Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$261 b.  
Constructions, \$1.40 n.  
B'quo Ind. G. Bonds, 64% b.  
H. K. G. Loan, 6%

## LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.  
SHADE SHAKE, SLAKE, SLATE, SLATS, SLITS, FLITS, FLIES, FRIES, TRIES, TREES.

## BROADCAST ENGLISH.

### NEW RECOMMENDATIONS FOR B.B.C. ANNOUNCERS.

Amaterr, ashure, cowhook, Cazewalty, ahofer, dish-evul, enklavy, fawkon, follil, eye-o-dyne, lockewbrayshon, farmasewilcal, satler.

The above "words" are a selection from "Broadcast English," the new pamphlet of recommendations to B.B.C. announcers, regarding words of doubtful pronunciation, which is the result of the work of the committee appointed in 1926 under the chairmanship of Mr. Robert Bridges, the Poet Laureate.

It is not suggested, the committee point out, that the pronunciations which they give are the only right ones, nor is it suggested that any special degree of authority attaches to these recommendations. Their object has been to secure some measure of uniformity in the pronunciation of broadcast English.

In case readers cannot identify all the words given above, it should be mentioned that cowhook stands for caoutchouc, dish-evul for dishevel, enklavy for enclave, fawkon for falcon, follil for fauteuil, and satler for satyr.

It should be noted also that the B.B.C. pronunciation of housewifery is huzzifery, that the Sine of Auld Lang Syne is to be pronounced "algn," and that the first syllable of constable, except in the Scottish family name, rhymes with "bun."

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### DANGER OF X-RAYS IN MAKING DIAGNOSIS.

The danger of relying too much on X-rays by surgeons for diagnosis of internal troubles was emphasized by Mr. H. J. Paterson to a group of surgeons and radiologists. X-rays, he said, were a valuable

aid to confirm a diagnosis, but not an infallible one, and they were apt to be misled by the saying that the camera could not lie.

A radiograph was only a shadow, which might be distorted by the angle of exposure. He quoted the case of a surgeon and radiologist diagnosing a case as one of inflamed appendix. Both were wrong, he declared, amidst laughter, for the appendix had been removed three years previously.

## RULES FOR FALLING BIRTH RATE.

### "BUILDERS MUST KEEP PACE WITH BABIES."

Cardiff, July 27.  
"I don't think that our own island, to say nothing of our little planet, is overcrowded," declared Professor W. D. Roberts, the Welsh Economist, in a discussion on the falling birthrate at the British Medical Association meeting here to-day.

"Our troubles," he continued, "are due to causes I may distinguish as political; that is, habits and institutions whose origin and purpose is mastery and privilege and monopoly."

Young married couples to-day, he said, wanted to keep up a certain standard of life, what was called "a good time," while the pressure of a social environment, especially upon women, had its effect in family limitation.

Dr. F. A. E. Crew, a distinguished biologist of the younger school, looked at the question from the

point of view of a new science—group biology.

"The falling birth-rate is no surprise to me," he said. "It does not mean the end of white race culture, but merely the end of a population growth cycle."

"When builders fail to keep pace with babies," he added, "the birth-rate will fall."

"There must be joyousness, eagerness and roominess for potential parents."

"Children are commodities, subject to the law of supply and demand, but the Factory Acts have depreciated their value as wage earners."

The suggestion that the relatively unit were more abundant among the socially submerged was necessarily true, declared Dr. Crew.

"It is far easier for a good man to climb out of the gutter than for a socially and biologically unfitted man to descend to its depths."

"Many who float gaily in the mid-stream of social life are buoyed up by efforts of more worthy associates."

"We are too respectable to let them fall," said Dr. Crew amid laughter.

### Three Rules.

Sir Thomas Horder laid down three rules to stop falling birth-rate, but remarked it would require public opinion and Government assistance to achieve them. His rules were:—

Every married couple were in duty bound to bring up a minimum of three children above the fifth year.

This minimum must be aimed at whenever the situation of the parents gives expectations of the descendants not falling below a minimum standard.

Every married couple characterized by particular virility should have the right to double the minimum, and should receive for every child in excess material contributions, which would be exacted from the single and from those couples which remain below the lowest number.

Sir Thomas added that he felt strongly that the will to improve the race must first be aroused.



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## ROUND-THE-WORLD.

PROMOTERS OF CHINESE TRIP ENTERTAIN.

In connexion with the scheme for a round-the-world cruise for Chinese tourists, merchants and students, a complimentary dinner was held by the promoters at the Kam Ling Restaurant last evening. The guest of honour being Mr. Tse Ying-pak, the well-known Canton politician.

The function, which was of a very convivial nature was presided over by Mr. J. Gascon Gonzalez de Bernedo, Consul of Guatemala, to whose credit the revelation was made that he was the originator of the idea and now one of its most enthusiastic proponents. He was supported by Mr. K. S. Fong and other gentlemen who are deeply interested in the scheme.

Referring to Mr. Tse Ying-pak, the guest of honour, Mr. Gonzalez de Bernedo, in a most inspiring speech, traced Mr. Tse's connexion with the cause of Chinese nationalism, mentioning that amongst the posts he held was that of a member of the Central Executive Committee at Canton during the regime of Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

Replying, Mr. Tse referred to the kindred spirit which animated Nationalist China and the South American Republics. He regarded it as peculiarly appropriate that a representative of one of those Latin Republics should have been the promoter of a scheme designed to bring them still closer together.

Tonata were exchanged; the flags of Great Britain, Nationalist China and Guatemala, which occupied a prominent position at the head of the room, being duly honoured in turn.

Amongst those present were the Belgian, Chilean and Panamanian Consuls, and representatives of the European and Chinese Press.

## M. I. FIELD DAY.

SUCCESSFUL OPERATIONS AT THE RESERVOIR.

The interesting field day carried out last June encouraged the Mounted Infantry to repeat that success on similar lines last Sunday. On this occasion a Victoria Gun and its ammunition were carried on two pack ponies, the whole of the detachment being mounted.

From the top of Wong Nei Cheong Gap the detachment proceeded to the eastern side of Ty-tam Reservoir, and engaged an imaginary "enemy" on the western side of the Reservoir. The gun was quickly in action and the first burst of fire, at 700 yards range, raised a cloud of white smoke dust from the boulder behind which an "enemy" M. G. was supposed to be concealed. When all the members of the detachment had fired the gun, the party returned to Wong Nei Cheong Gap.

On arrival there, Captain W. Brackenridge, M.C., pointed out the lessons to be learnt from the operations and Lieut. Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., expressed his appreciation of the good work which the Mounted Infantry had put in, particularly as they had begun their work on the machine gun only a little over two months ago.

Major H. B. Dowbiggin and the Adjutant, Major R. A. Wolfe-Murray, also witnessed the operations.

After the dismissal of the parade the party had tiffin and spent the afternoon at Repulse Bay.

## RENT INCREASES.

CHINESE CHAMBER'S DEBATE.

The necessity for rent restriction in the Colony was emphasized yesterday when the Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce announced, at the monthly meeting of that body, that complaints of ruthless increases have been pouring into the Chamber from all parts of the Colony.

The Chamber has been asked to make representations to the Government with a view to obtaining some protection for the tenants. Landlords, it is reported, have in some cases increased rents by more than a hundred per cent.

The complaints were fully discussed in the Chamber, those present representing practically all the commercial lines of the Colony. Besides Mr. Li Yau-tsun (Chairman), there were present Mr. Li Yick-mui (vice-Chairman), Mr. M. K. Lo (Legal Adviser) and Mr. Ip Lan-ghuen (Secretary).

Opinion generally was against the raising of rents, and although some of those present were owners of plenty of property, not a voice was raised justifying the increases complained of. The letters written to the Chamber were similar in one respect, that landowners in raising rents have not given sufficient thought to the fact that trade is still bad.

It was argued that even the poorest tenant is affected by the present business inactivity. Big firms of importers are not ordering the same quantities of goods as they used to order in pre-strike times, and in many respects business is being continued by the different Hong in a very much reduced scale.

### Reductions of Staffs.

As a consequence of this, reduction of staffs is daily taking place, and although it is now generally thought that the business is on the up grade, yet in strict fact this is not so. Many have to work for reduced salaries and this being the case, it was argued that the selection of the present time for an increase in house rents, is most inopportune.

The cost of living came up for discussion and it was generally agreed that things cost more today in Hongkong than in pre-strike times. Few individuals, who come into the category of tenants of Chinese houses, are earning more today than in days prior to the strike, for, it was pointed out, only a few lines of trade have been able to withstand the crisis unaffected.

A few instances of increases were mentioned and the figures gave some idea of the way in which some unfortunate tenants are being treated. One business house which, at the time of the withdrawal of the rent restriction by the Government, was paying about \$300 per month is to-day paying over \$1,000. A Chinese shop which had previously been paying \$80 monthly is now obliged to pay \$200. Similarly two tenement houses, the occupants of which were paying \$48 and \$16 respectively, are now providing their owners with \$100 and \$35 respectively.

### The Farming System.

Certain members at yesterday's meeting traced the evil to the practice of farming out houses. Under this practice house owners

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lease the rent-collecting right to a third party, who guaranteed the owner a fixed sum every month. The owner then takes no further interest in the tenant, who is left at the mercy of the farmer, who increases the rent periodically. This is not the only evil of farming, but as the owner no longer comes into direct contact with the tenant, the property is not properly looked after and repairs are seldom carried out.

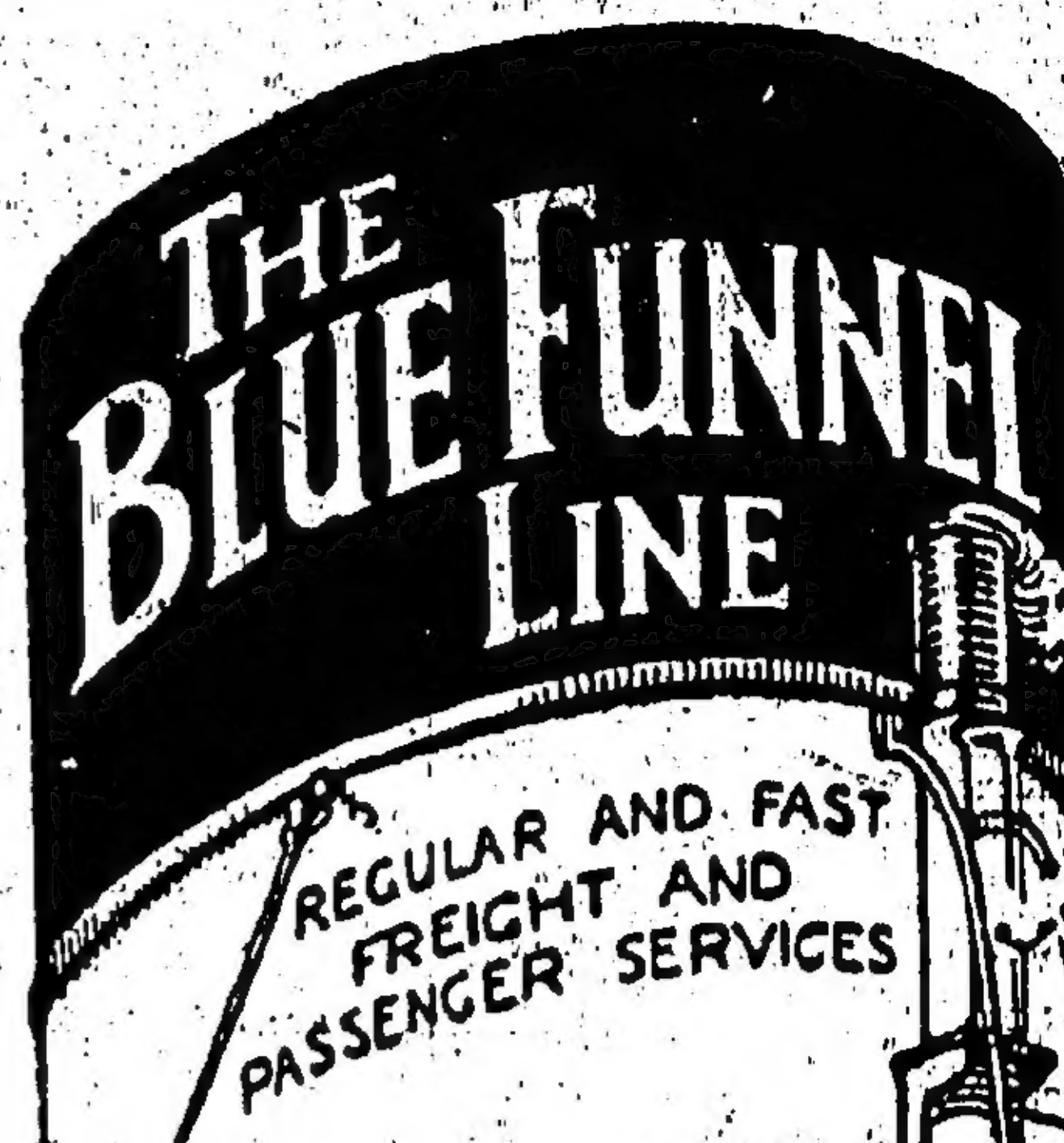
A letter was written to the Chamber by Messrs. Ho, Lu and To Sze-tueh, who suggested that the Chamber should appeal to house owners not to increase rents at the present time but to take into consideration the bad state of the Colony's trade.

The day after this letter was received by the Chamber, an anonymous writer, claiming to be a tenant of a house in Portland Street, wrote to the Chamber accusing the writers of insincerity. The two letters had appeared in the Chinese Press prior to the meeting.

Mr. Ho Lu at yesterday's meeting protested that the Chairman should have seen fit to release the letters for publication, especially as the writer, who purported to live in Portland Street, had remained anonymous. Mr. Ho said that he had enquired from the tenants in Portland Street as to whether they had written the letter in question and they had replied to him that they did not do so.

The Chairman stated that since receipt of the anonymous letter he had caused enquiries to be made into the statement regarding increases in rent in Portland Street and his enquiries revealed that there had been increases.

The question of making representations was discussed and it was agreed that the Chamber should do what it could for the tenants. The matter was left at that.



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FORGERY TRIAL  
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doubt whatever that what Mr. Benvis had sworn to in fact took place.

His Lordship, in briefly summing up, directed the jury on various points of law, and commented that there was very little evidence of forgery.

## Verdicts of Guilty.

The jury retired for a short while, and, on returning, brought in verdicts of "Guilty" on three charges and "Not Guilty" on two charges. The accused was found "Guilty" of uttering a forged

agreement dated January 11, 1921; uttering a forged assignment dated February 22, 1921, and conspiracy. On the forgery charges the accused was acquitted.

The three sentences passed by his Lordship were respectively five years' hard labour, five years' hard labour, and three years' imprisonment, the sentences to run concurrently.

To-morrow the accused is to again appear before Mr. Justice Jackson to answer fraud charges concerning the Wing On Company.

An anonymous donor has promised \$35,000 to the Royal Northern Hospital if an equivalent sum is raised before the end of the year.

## WHAMPOA PORT.

## DEVELOPMENT PLANS AGAIN REVIVED.

Mr. Li Lu-chao, the recently appointed Acting Director General of the Whampoa Port Development Company, is fast developing a grasp on affairs of that institution, says the Canton Gazette.

It will be recalled that the development of Whampoa into a deep sea port was first mooted in the days of 1925. The large numbers of strikers who migrated to Canton from Hongkong, out of sheer patriotism undertook to build the road, known as Chung Shan Road, from Canton to Whampoa, and this was completed in quick time. The road is twenty feet wide, and alongside the railway for about four miles, then branches off to Yuchu, the locality opposite Whampoa. The road has a total length of approximately twelve miles, and is well constructed.

After the completion of this road, the Whampoa scheme was halted for some time, a variety of causes and circumstances combining to arrest progress of the plan.

## Big Project.

Many plans for the building of the port were designed, but no definite one was settled on as the final one, and even to-day, it is not decided how the port is to be built. But this state of affairs will not continue long. Under the driving force of Director General Li investigations are being pursued vigorously, and very interesting developments are promised.

That the building of Whampoa into a commercial port, the gateway to Southern China, of easy access by deep sea ships, is a gigantic undertaking is not lost sight of, but the magnitude of the project does not in the least daunt the youthful Mr. Li.

The latest expert authority consulted advised that the whole port can be built for not more than about twenty millions of dollars. This opinion was based on an examination of maps and charts of the locality, and is of course dependent on the accuracy of the information disclosed by the charts. The building of the port and the dredging and deepening of the waterways to provide deep water channels for the passage of big ships present no insuperable difficulties, and the complete project should be finished in about three years.

## Easy Access.

Just off Whampoa, there is a minimum depth of 34 feet even at low tides, amply sufficient for the passage of the largest vessels that now make Hongkong a port of call. The locality where it is proposed to construct the port is but a bare five miles from the Canton-Kowloon Railway, and it would be an easy matter to run a branch line from this railway. There would then be two means of communication with Canton, by rail and by road. While the port of Whampoa grows at one end of the road, it is practically a certainty that the Tungshan residential areas will extend and develop along the Chung Shan road at the Canton end, and this road, with the territory it runs through, seems destined to become one of the most important features of South China. Canton needs a sea-port badly; she also needs plenty of room for growth. Whampoa, and the territory in between, is the logical answer. The Chinese people are fast

## CENTURY'S SUPPLY.

## LARGE OPIUM CONSIGNMENT SEIZED IN HONDURAS.

Tegucigalpa, Aug. 22.

The Honduras authorities have confiscated a consignment of 1,200 lbs. of opium which arrived from Constantinople via Marseilles, addressed to a local doctor. The latter, however, denies that the drug is intended for him. He believes that the quantity exceeds what the whole of Central America could use legitimately in a century.

The police are of the opinion that the opium is intended for illicit traffic with the United States.—Reuter.

appreciating the benefits conferred by living in dust free surroundings, with plenty of fresh air; Tungshan's rapid growth is proof of this realization. The Chung Shan Road opens up areas that would serve ideally as residential suburbs, and the next few years may see the limits of Canton city extended far beyond their present positions. Development along the Chung Shan Road will naturally promote interest in the Whampoa scheme, and with the present regime at the helm of affairs a remarkable transformation of this part of Kwangtung territory may be expected within the space of the next few years.

## Deep Sea Outlet Must Come.

At an interview granted to a representative of the Gazette, Director General Li said that although this part of China was a rich industrial quarter, Kwangtung possessed no deep sea outlet, consequently although trade is already on a huge scale, the volume is not what it should be. The lack of an outlet is throttling trade and cramping development. A deep sea port for Canton is bound to come in future years; why not build one now? Why wait? There is nothing to lose and everything to gain in pushing ahead the building of a sea outlet for Canton, where ocean going ships can berth and maintain direct communication with other countries of the world.

## Effect on Hongkong.

Asked what he thought would be the effect on Hongkong when Whampoa was developed, Mr. Li gave as his opinion that Hongkong would not suffer in any way, and the only effect would be a beneficial one. He said the building of Whampoa would improve relations between Canton and Hongkong. There would be no necessity for trade to pass through middlemen's hands in Hongkong, consequently there would be no opportunity for misunderstanding and friction between the peoples of the two ports. In past days friction was engendered over differences in the commercial world, and mutual distrust and hatred, existed practically continuously to a greater or lesser degree. With the elimination of Hongkong as a point of handling, there would be no friction, and friendship would therefore come in. Such things as the strike of 1925 would never again be experienced, and peace and harmony would prevail between the two ports.

Director General Li Lu-chao is a member of the Executive Committee of the Provincial Government, and also a member of the Standing Committee of the same Council. He has been associated with the late leader Dr. Sun Yat Sen ever since the early days of the Revolution, and for many years has acted as the private secretary to Dr. Sun. Until the recent reorganization of the Provincial Government Mr. Li was the Commissioner of the Department of Industry, which department, under his able guidance, contributed materially towards the promotion of native industries.

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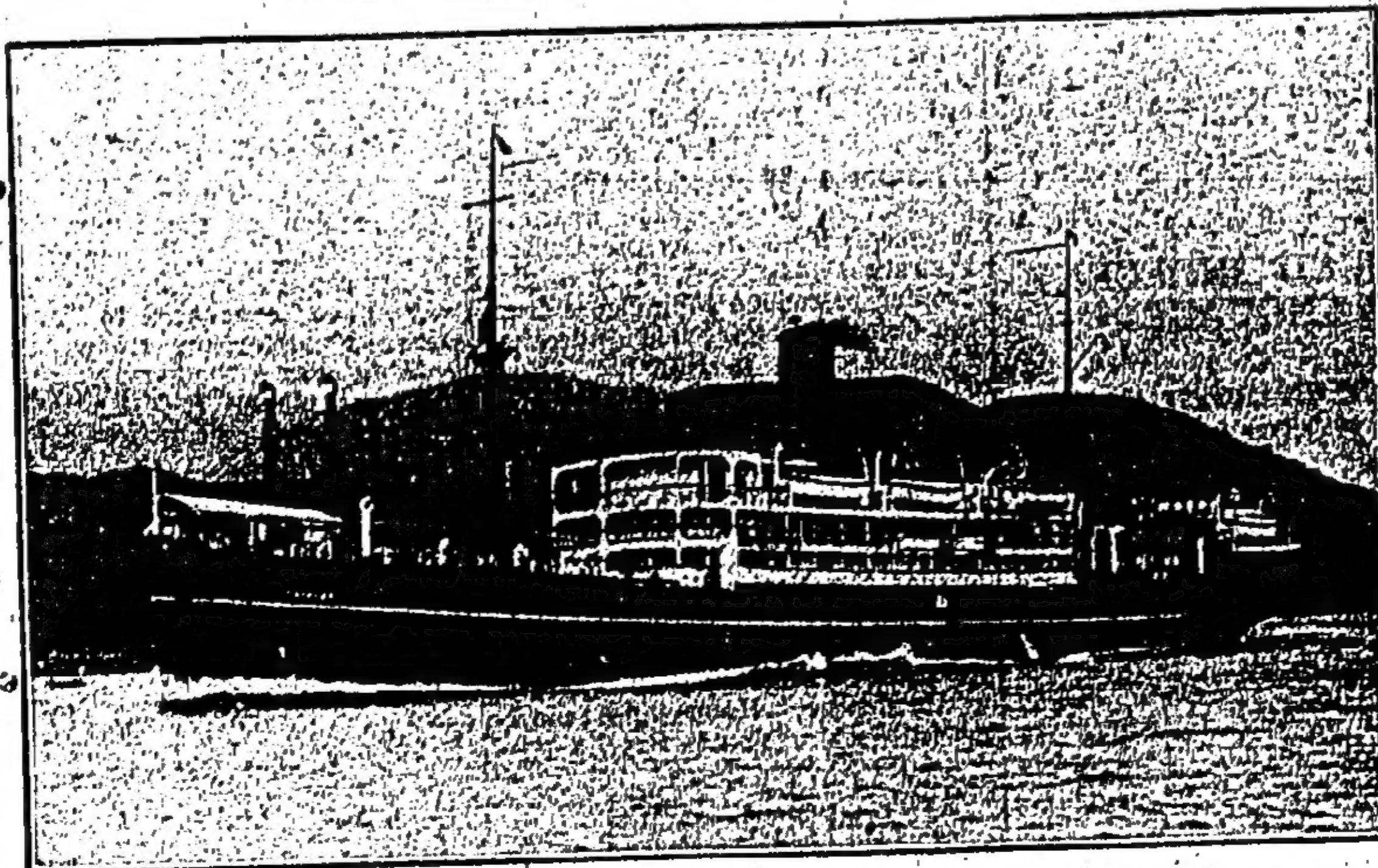
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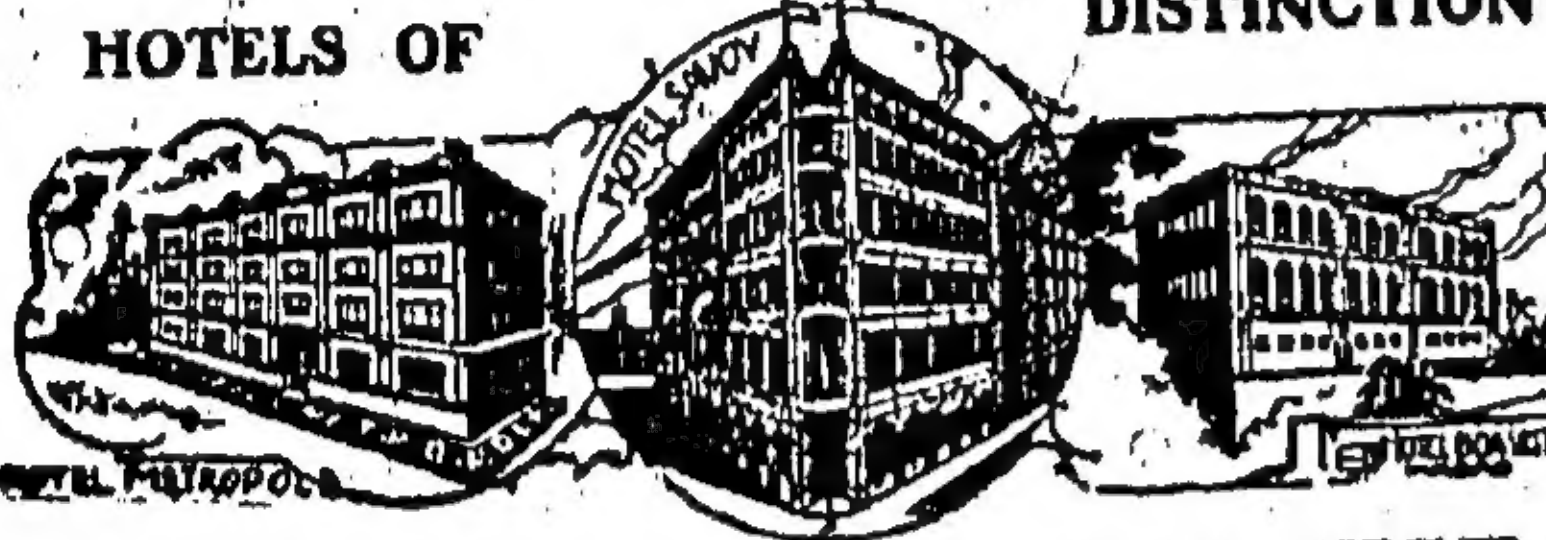
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## CURIOUS MOSCOW ATTITUDE.

### REMOVAL OF VICTIMS OF L55 DISASTER.

#### WARSHIP VERBOTEN.

Moscow, Aug. 22.  
A curious attitude has been taken up by the Soviet Government regarding the bodies of the victims of the L55 disaster, which were discovered inside the hull of the craft when it was raised by Russian salvagers near Capor Bay last week after nine years immersion.  
The super-deck of the submarine was apparently struck by a shell during British operations against the Soviet in 1919, and sank with all hands.  
On the announcement that the submarine had been salvaged, the British Government formally requested permission to remove the bodies of the victims of the tragedy to England.  
According to an official communiqué issued to-day by the Tass Agency, the Soviet Government has replied to the request of the British Government stating that the Soviet Government has no objection to the arrival of a warship belonging to a friendly nation, as for instance, Norway, in connexion with the removal of the bodies, it has no objection to the arrival of a British merchantman, but the Soviet Government could not consent to a British warship entering Soviet territorial waters.—*Reuter.*

### KIDNAPPING TRIAL OPENS.

#### QUESTION OF JURISDICTION INVOLVED.

Alleged to have kidnapped a Chinese and held him to ransom, trial commenced at the Criminal Sessions this morning before the Chief Justice, (Sir Henry Gollan) of Tam Kwal-chuen, Tam Mei, Tam Cheung, and Tam Kam-shiu. They are charged with abducting a man named Ng Chau at Lung Kau Tan Harbour on May 15, and to have forcibly detained him.  
The case for the Crown is being conducted by Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, while Mr. Hin-shing Lo, instructed by Mr. F. H. Losby, is defending.  
At the beginning of the trial, his Lordship said he would have to be satisfied that the case was within the territorial limits of his jurisdiction.  
Mr. Fitzroy explained that the complainant, with his wife, was in his boat at Deep Bay on the night in question, but at about midnight they left the bay and went to fish off Lung Kau-tan. At about four o'clock in the morning, another boat came alongside in which were six men, including the four prisoners. They took Ng Chau away and when his wife protested, they told her to go to a place named Ling Ting Island, which is in Chinese territory, and to enquire for one Tam Mei.  
The wife later told her brother of the affair and he went to the island, where he found the prisoners and the complainant in a boat. He was told that \$800 ransom was required which was to be paid to a man in Macao.  
The brother returned and the matter was reported to the local Water Police, who sent a constable to Macao with the brother. Ng Chau and his captors proceeded from place to place until they eventually arrived at Macao. In the Portuguese Colony, the brother saw one of the prisoners and pointed him out to the constable, who arrested him. They then found the complainant and the other prisoners in a boat in a Macao anchorage.  
Mr. Fitzroy concluded that the prisoners said it was a "put up" job because of incidents that had happened in days gone by.  
The case is proceeding.

### ALLEGED INDECENT LANGUAGE.

#### CHINESE CHARGED AT THE MAGISTRACY.

Mr. W. C. Hung, a newly-enrolled solicitor, made his first appearance at the Central Magistracy this morning, when he appeared for the defence of a Chinese named Ho Kee, who was charged with using indecent language.  
When the defendant's name was called, Mr. Hung intimated to Major C. Willson, before whom the case was taken, that he appeared for the defendant.  
Major Willson:—Who are you?  
Mr. Hung: I am Mr. W. C. Hung, of Deacons, your Worship.  
Major Willson:—Are you a solicitor?  
Mr. Hung:—Yes, Your Worship.  
You are appearing for the defendant?—Yes, I ask for a remand and I would also like to apply for bail.  
His Worship fixed the hearing for to-morrow morning, fixing bail at \$100.

## NORTHERN FORCES TRUCULENT.

### REFUSE TO OBEY CHANG HSUEH-LIANG.

#### NANKING AID ASKED.

Shanghai, Aug. 22.  
General Chang Hsueh-liang has telegraphed from Mukden to the Peking Military Headquarters stating that remnants of the forces of Generals Chang Chung-chang and Chu Yu-pu have been displaying a most truculent attitude and have indicated that they will not comply with his demand or evacuate from the districts within the Great Wall.  
General Chang Hsueh-liang, therefore, requests that the Nationalists take immediate action, adding that he is willing to co-operate.  
Returning Nationalists.  
Canton, Aug. 22.  
According to a telegram, which the Canton Government received to-day, Messrs. Wu Han-min, Hsu Sung-che and Chau Lu, three prominent Nanking leaders, are returning to Canton.  
They are expected to reach Hongkong by a French Mail liner early next week, and a number of Canton Government officials are leaving to greet them here.  
To See Chiang.  
Shanghai, Aug. 22.  
The Nationalist General Chen Tiu-yuan arrived at Chenchow, Honan, last night, en route to Nanking. After a brief stay in Nanking, he intends to go to Shanghai to interview Marshal Chiang Kai-shek before he leaves for Anhui.  
Split Denied.  
In view of prevailing rumours of a split in the Nationalist ranks between the Moderate and Leftist military and political leaders, General Ho Ying-ching, the right-hand man of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, told the Chinese Press that there is no cause whatsoever for such reports. He said that being Marshals Chiang Kai-shek, Li Chai sum, Yen Hsi-shan and Feng Yu-hsiang and General Li Chung-ye are working most harmoniously for the general disarmament scheme adopted at the Fifth Plenary Session.

### SAIGON WATERFRONT FIRE.

#### GOOD WORK BY SHIP'S OFFICERS.

A report has been made by Captain Shearer, of the S.S. Halvard, to the effect that whilst his vessel was lying at Saigon, the Chief Officer and Second Engineer were instrumental in quelling an outbreak of fire which might have resulted in a serious conflagration but for their promptitude.  
The blaze occurred in a bonded warehouse on the waterfront shortly after midnight on Friday last, and the night watchman of the vessel was the first to observe the danger. Mr. Brown, the Chief Officer, was immediately called and he in turn woke Mr. Millar, the Second Engineer. These two officers procured buckets, and by dint of strenuous labour, were able to subdue the flames before they got a fair hold on the building.  
A call for the local Fire Brigade had meanwhile been sent out, but on arrival of the fire float and shore services were not required, their services were not required. It is understood that the local authorities have addressed the master and officers concerned in commendatory terms for the expeditious aid rendered, while the Saigon press has nothing but praise for them.  
area inside Shanhaikwan and are collecting taxes, etc.—*Reuter.*  
Troops Ordered to Kiangsi.  
Shanghai, Aug. 22.  
General Liu Chih, with the first division of the first army, has been ordered from Hsuehchow to Kiangsi for the suppression of Communists and bandits, while General Hsiung Shih-huei, commanding the fifth division, has been appointed Garrison Commander of the Shanghai area in succession to General Chien Ta-chun, who has been transferred to Hsuehchow.—*Reuter.*  
Kuominchun Troops Leave.  
Peking, Aug. 22.  
A portion of the Kuominchun troops which have been stationed along the Peking-Tientsin Railway have been evacuated to Taming. Other Kuominchun troops from Paoting area are concentrating in the same place. It is understood that they are going to Shantung.—*Reuter.*  
Trip to Wei-hai-wel.  
Shanghai, Aug. 22.  
The 2nd Battalion of the Welch Regiment has left for Wei-hai-wel on a summer visit. The 2nd Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment have just returned.—*Reuter.*  
Mukden Reforms.  
Mukden, Aug. 22.  
General Chang Hsueh-liang announces the principal reforms in the internal administration of Manchuria as follows: To abolish iklin and native customs, to reduce the Salt Tax by \$2 per picul, to disband 100,000 soldiers, promote education by making it compulsory and raising funds by public subscription to enforce opium prohibition, suppress bandits, improve the municipalities and redeem the Fengpiao.—*Reuter.*

## WING ON FRAUD CASE.

### FOK CHUNG-YUEN SENTENCED THIS MORNING.

#### GETS THREE YEARS.

Fok Chung-yuen, who was yesterday sentenced to five years' imprisonment on charges of uttering forged documents and conspiracy, was again brought before Mr. Justice Jackson, at the Criminal Sessions to-day, on a charge of conspiring to defraud the Wing On Company.  
The offence was committed between March 1, 1925, and February 1, 1926, Fok conspiring with two other men to defraud the Wing On Company of \$50,000 by means of a forged deposit book.  
Fok pleaded guilty to the charge.  
Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., who appeared for the Crown, said that originally there were three defendants, Fok being granted bail of \$20,000 after his arrest in February, 1926. Fok took advantage of his liberty to extend his holiday and the other two men were tried and sentenced to three years' hard labour.  
Mr. Alabaster recalled how the attempt to defraud the Wing On Company was carried through by a forged deposit book.  
Mr. Justice Jackson passed sentence of three years' labour, granting an application made by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, counsel for the prisoner, that Fok should be allowed to see his wife for half an hour before returning to prison.

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